

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

**PART 11 OF 11**



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**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**  
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**BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

**JUNE MAIL**



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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bapton*

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JUNE

October 8, 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS**

*Rapbom*

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chambliss is the individual who, along with Charles Arnie Cagle, an associate, was arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol on the night of September 29, 1963, in connection with the Birmingham bombings. Both men were subsequently charged on October 1, 1963, with possession of dynamite without a permit as required by the Birmingham General City Code.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP

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*Ruf*  
Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

~~SECRET~~

Memorandum for the Attorney General

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

47c  
It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance on the telephone at the residence of [REDACTED] in Birmingham, or at any address to which he may move.

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 11:10 AM
DATE 10/8/63
BY [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont 10-7-63, captioned "Unknown Subject; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9-15-63, Bombing Matters," [REDACTED]

This letter is being classified ~~Secret~~ since it mentioned a tesur.

~~Secret~~ Declassified

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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

67c This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 10/8/63, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum to Mr. [REDACTED] dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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File Number

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Permanent Serial Charge Out

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Wick*

DATE: October 7, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*JUNE

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 BOMBING OF 16TH STREET  
 BAPTIST CHURCH  
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
 9/15/63  
 BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This memorandum recommends that the Attorney General's authority be obtained to install technical surveillance (tesur) on telephone of [REDACTED]

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the recent bombings, it is believed that further activity on the part of those who are responsible for the

Enclosure *Sent 10-8-63*

157-1025

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

bombings could easily lead to further rioting, bloodshed, loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

The Birmingham Office has assured that the tesur can be installed with full security.

There are 57 investigative-type tesurs in operation at the present time and three are awaiting installation. The limit is 75.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install this tesur.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
9/17/78  
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[REDACTED]  
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for review by Rome Test. Force  
Date 1-4-79

Subject JUNE MAIL Baploni

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 157-1025 )  
Attn: Assistant Director Rosen

JUNE

DATE: 10/4/63

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-352 SF-2)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title **BAPBOMB**

Character of Case **BOMBING MATTERS**

Field Office **BIRMINGHAM**

Symbol Number [REDACTED]

Type of Surveillance (Technical or Microphone)

**CONF. INFT.**

1. Name and address of subject:

[REDACTED]

2. Location of technical operation:

[REDACTED]

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

**NONE**

4. Cost and manpower involved:

**\$100.00 per day  
3 Special Agents**

5. Adequacy of security:

**Sufficient in that Special Agents will be  
on hand at all times**

AMSD

**6 OCT 18 1963**

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**SPEC. MAIL RM.**

*Memo Rosen to  
Belmont 10/7/63  
let to [unclear] 10/16/63  
[unclear]*

*h7c*

6. Type of case involved: **Bombing of Negro Church**

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: **Principal suspect.**

8. Specific information being sought: **Identification of accomplices and additional investigative leads in this and other bombing matters.**

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: **Sources have advised suspect**

67c

10. Importance of case and subject: **This is major case with nationwide interest.**

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail):

62c This suspect's household includes [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Live informant coverage not  
available on 24-hour basis.

12. Risks of detection involved: **None. Full security assured.**

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: **15 days.**

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency): **NONE**

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

Date of Mail 10-9-63

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bayelbamb.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

For review at FBIHQ by

**Memorandum**

HSCA re 1-26-78 request

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-9-63

FROM : A. Rosen

JUNE

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63  
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This memorandum recommends that the Attorney General's authority be obtained to install a technical surveillance (tesur) on the telephone of [REDACTED]

Information received concerning [REDACTED] in the past would indicate that he has information concerning acts of violence on the part of others [REDACTED]

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham aggravated by the recent bombings, it is believed that further activity on the part of those responsible for the bombings could easily lead to further rioting, bloodshed, loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Enclosure sent 10-8-63  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum To Mr. Belmont  
Re: UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

It is believed that a tesur on the telephone of [REDACTED] may well bring to light the efforts of such persons to further inflame and aggravate the situation.

The Atlanta Office has assured that the tesur can be installed with full security.

There are 57 investigative-type tesurs in operation at the present time and four are awaiting installation. The limit is 75.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install this tesur.

h7c 2 [REDACTED] GK a [REDACTED] V.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomba

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 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT 10-10-63

TO DIRECTOR

INFO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC ATLANTA 101954

JUNE. BAPBOMB.

IN CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF [REDACTED]  
 CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE  
 A SURVEY FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON HOME  
 OF [REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER  
 EXPEDITE AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED.

RECEIVED:

4:56 PM

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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TO SACS ATLANTA  
BIRMINGHAM

JUNE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB.

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO MAKE SURVEY FOR INSTALLATION OF TESUR

AT HOME OF [REDACTED]

PROVIDING FULL SECURITY ASSURED. ADVISE BUREAU PROMPTLY OF  
RESULTS.

VIA TELETYPE

OCT 11 1963

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NOTE: If no further contact today, send by urgent teletype  
code.

(BAPBOMB is the approved code name assigned to investigation  
captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church,  
Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, Bombing Matters.")

SEE ROSEN TO BELMONT MEMO, 10/11/63, SAME CAPTION AS ABOVE,

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baptomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. McGowan

DATE: October 4, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

JUNE

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Moore called to advise me that he had obtained a signed statement from Thomas Blanton, Sr. authorizing the FBI to make a search of his premises. This is a detailed authorization which was obtained from Blanton, Sr. for a consent search and it is planned that such a search will be made of the premises.

SAC Moore also advised that they have authority from the United States Attorney (USA) to file against Blanton, Jr. for an attempted assault upon an Agent. When the office decides to do this, SAC Moore will communicate with me and advise me of the language of the complaint.

SAC Moore was also authorized to have a survey made of the residence of Thomas Blanton, Sr. for the purpose of utilizing a tesur. SAC Moore will also furnish appropriate information concerning the location and other necessary data for the installation if it is installed and an appropriate memorandum will be prepared to the Attorney General requesting authority to install such.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bapbomba

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URGENT 10-11-63  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM SAC ATLANTA 112043

JUNE. BAPBOMB, RACIAL MATTER, ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY. RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM THIS DATE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR PLANT OPERATION. IN SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN APPARENT TWO MORE ADDITIONAL TAPE RECORDERS AND TWO MORE COMPLETE DIAL RECORDERS WILL BE REQUIRED ATLANTA. LAB IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARD OR HAVE OTHER OFFICES FORWARD DESIRED EQUIPMENT.

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2 GARS  
 2 PTG Mems } NY Ordered by 10-11-63 to expedite shipment to Atlanta

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cc. Sullivan

10-11-63

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TO SACS NEW YORK  
ATLANTA

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB, RACIAL MATTER.

REATRAD TEN ELEVEN SIXTY THREE.

NY WILL FURNISH AT BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS TWO  
MAGNECORD TAPE RECORDERS COMPLETE AND TWO, SIX DASH A DIAL  
RECORDERS COMPLETE.

ADVISE BUREAU WHEN EQUIPMENT SENT TO AT.

670  
1 - Mr.  
1 - Mr.  
1 - Mr.  
1 - Mr.  
1 - Mr.

[REDACTED]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

VIA TELETYPE

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomba

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☒ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

URGENT 10-11-63  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM SAC ATLANTA 111635

JUNE. BAPBOMB. ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY. RE BUREAU TEL  
 OCTOBER 10 LAST.

LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE  
 ATLANTA OFFICE ONE COMPLETE DIAL AMPLIFIER AND RECORDER FOR  
 USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE AUTHORIZED.  
 LAB IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY ONE BINAURAL  
 TAPE PLAY BACK UNIT FOR TRANSCRIPTION PURPOSES.

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10-11-63  
 10-11-63

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CALLER:  
 M. H. H.  
 By H. Time 2:20 P

157-1025-460

OCT 16 1963

CC-MR. SULLIVAN +

[REDACTED]

b7c

8-15-63  
 8-15-63  
 RM.

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.



10/11/63

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TELETYPE C-11

URGENT

157-1235-460

1 - Mr  
1 - Mr

TO SAC ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (80-768)

JUNE

BAPBOMB.

REUR RAD OCTOBER ELEVEN REQUESTING DIAL AMPLIFIER  
RECORDER AND A BINAURAL TAPE PLAYBACK BE FURNISHED ATLANTA  
EXPEDITIOUSLY.

THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IS BEING SHIPPED ATLANTA THIS  
DATE VIA AIR EXPRESS. ONE EACH K DASH THREE TAPE TRANSCRIBER  
NUMBER FOUR ZERO. ONE EACH SIX A DIAL AMPLIFIER AND SIX AR  
RECORDER NUMBER ONE TWO NINE.

UPON RECEIPT YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE INVENTORY CHANGES.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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VIA TELETYPE

OCT 11 1963

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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1-16-78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/11/63

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (66-825)

**J U N E**

**SUBJECT:** BAPBOMB  
RACIAL MATTER

Re Atlanta FD 142 dated 10/7/63.

In connection with investigation being conducted, intensified coverage was requested on [REDACTED] telephonically by SAC MOORE. He related Bureau authority had been given for surveys to be made as to feasibility of conducting a Tesur on [REDACTED]

In this regard it has been ascertained that

2- Bureau (RM)  
2- Atlanta

(4)

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VEDO**

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6 OCT 23 1963

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AT 66-825  
[REDACTED]

62c The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau to bring the Bureau up-to-date on the surveys being made in Atlanta. By coded teletype dated 10/10/63 the Bureau authorized Tesur on [REDACTED]

Date of Mail 10-11-63.

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12-8-78

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap Bank

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/11/63

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (66-825)

JUNE

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
RACIAL MATTER

Re Atlanta FD 142 dated 10/7/63.

In connection with investigation being conducted, intensified coverage was requested on [REDACTED] telephonically by SAC MOORE. He related Bureau authority had been given for surveys to be made as to feasibility of conducting a Tesur on [REDACTED]

In this regard it has been ascertained that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AT 66-825  
[REDACTED]

62c The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau to bring the Bureau up-to-date on the surveys being made in Atlanta. By coded teletype dated 10/10/63 the Bureau authorized Tesur on [REDACTED]

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Bay Bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

DATE: October 11, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

JUNE

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

To complement tesur coverage previously authorized  
on suspect [REDACTED] has requested  
expedite authority to make survey for installation of tesur on  
home of [REDACTED]

Because of this connection, this group is suspect not only in  
the bombing of the Baptist Church, September 15, 1963, but in  
the Shores bombing of September 4, 1963, as well.

## RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the background and connection of the  
[REDACTED] and associations with suspect Chambliss, it is  
recommended that authority be granted to conduct the requested  
survey providing full security assured, and a radiogram providing  
authority for such is attached for approval.

1 - Mr. Sullivan

Enclosure *sent 10-11-63*

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bapbamb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile

JUNE  
) DATE: 10/7/63

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (66-825)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title BAPBOMB

Character of Case RM  
Field Office Atlanta  
Symbol Number  
Type of Surveillance (Technical or Microphone)  
Technical

1. Name and address of subject:

2. Location of technical operation:

Technical operation located in space occupied by Headquarters Office.

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

At this time there are no other technical surveillances on this subject.

4. Cost and manpower involved:

Exact cost is unknown as to the leasing of necessary telephone lines and manpower necessary for plant operation will require services of four Investigative Clerks.

5. Adequacy of security:

Security of this installation is assured.

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1 Atlanta  
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KSCA re 426-78 request.  
(See Bufile 66-217000)

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6. Type of case involved:

67c Investigation conducted by Birmingham Office has indicated that [REDACTED] may have some implication or connection with those individuals responsible in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., September 15, 1963.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

67c Investigation to date has not established that [REDACTED] is a subject in the BAPBOMB investigation; however, [REDACTED] has indicated he may have had connections or associations with subjects of that case.

8. Specific information being sought:

67c Information being sought relates to the degree of association and possible implication on the part of [REDACTED] with other individuals in Alabama who may have been responsible for instant bombings.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

67c Considering that [REDACTED] was in Birmingham, Alabama, during period of time that Baptist Church was bombed and considering he normally resides and works in Atlanta area, it is believed that telephonic conversations may be utilized for contact between [REDACTED] and suspects, all of whom reside in the Birmingham area.

10. Importance of case and subject:

The Bureau's instructions to SAC MOORE in Birmingham have indicated that all investigative efforts must be made to solve this case.



11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means 62  
(Explain in detail):

Through past experience in dealing with [REDACTED] it has proven that physical surveillances and other investigative means have been unproductive in developing information regarding his associates, contacts and activities.

12. Risks of detection involved:

There is no apparent risk of detection involved in this installation.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Length of Tesur is indefinite.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency):

There have been no such requests for Tesur by any outside agencies known to the Atlanta Office.

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JUNE

October 9, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

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[REDACTED]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF *declassification*

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SENT FROM  
TIME 5:30 PM  
DATE 10/9/63  
BY G. G.

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ON 2/28/73

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- Belmont
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- Casper
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Memorandum for the Attorney General

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at the office of Jesse Benjamin Stoner in Atlanta, or at any address to which he may move.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE:

See memo Rosen to Belmont 10-9-63, captioned "Unknown Subjects, Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9-15-63, Bombing Matters, [REDACTED]"

This letter is being classified ~~Secret~~ since it mentions a tesur.

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Date 12-8-68 <sup>LC</sup>

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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9/15/63

BOMBING MATTERS

67c This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 10/9/63, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum to Mr. [REDACTED] dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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TO SAC ATLANTA (66-325)

JUNE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) - 482

SABOMB.

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO IMMEDIATELY INSTALL TESUR AT

[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER  
PROVIDED FULL SECURITY ASSURED. ADVISE BUREAU TIME AND DATE  
OF INSTALLATION, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SYMBOL NUMBER.

SULET JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUANCE IF INSTALLATION IS IN  
EFFECT AT END OF THIRTY DAY PERIOD. COPY FURNISHED  
BIRMINGHAM BY MAIL.

1 - BIRMINGHAM (BY MAIL)

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

NOTE: This Tesur has been approved by the Attorney General 10-10-63.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybamb

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bapalombi

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

URGENT 10-17-63 6:08 PM EST WJA  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS 172100

JUNE

BAPBOMB. MEETING OF RIGHT WING GROUPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,  
 OCTOBER 19-20, 1963, RACIAL MATTERS.

REBUTEL THIS DATE.

NO LIVE INFORMANT COVERAGE AVAILABLE INDIANAPOLIS FOR  
 CAPTIONED MEETING EXCEPT FORMER [REDACTED] EFFORTS CONTINUING  
 TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LIVE COVERAGE.

67C10 [REDACTED] 7  
 COVERAGE CAN BE AFFORDED MEETING ROOM AND HOTEL ROOM WHICH WILL  
 BE ASSIGNED [REDACTED] IF HE APPEARS FROM CENTRAL MONITORING  
 ROOM IN HOTEL WHICH IS SECURE.

REQUEST AUTHORITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS DELEGATES WILL  
 BE CHECKING INTO HOTEL EARLY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 18 NEXT.

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for review by Home Task Force  
Date 1-4-79

Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/21/63

FROM : *Jim* SAC, ATLANTA (157-582A) J U N E

*67c*  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
RACIAL MATTER

*[REDACTED]*  
Survey reflects that full security cannot be reasonably assured on Tesur installation and therefore recommendation is made against such an installation at this time.

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2- Birmingham (RM)  
2- Atlanta  
*[REDACTED]* *67c*

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baptronic

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS    211828

JUNE.

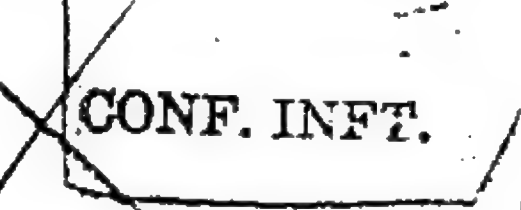
BAPBOMB. MEETING OF RIGHT WING GROUPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, OCTOBER 19 - 20, 1963, RACIAL MATTERS.

REBUTEL OCTOBER 18 LAST.

*62c* MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE INSTALLED MAROTT HOTEL, PARLOR B AND  OCCUPIED BY  12:10 P.M., OCTOBER 18 LAST, AND ASSIGNED SYMBOL NUMBER 

*62*  DISCONTINUED 5 P.M., OCTOBER 20 LAST.

PERTINENT RESULTS BEING FURNISHED BUREAU.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.



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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap bomb*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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for review [redacted]  
HSCA re 1-24-78 [redacted]  
(See Serial 100-117030)

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Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/29/63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

JUNE *62*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING  
OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST  
CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

*42c* This memorandum recommends that the Attorney General's authority be obtained to install a technical surveillance on the telephone of [redacted] which is the headquarters of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). The NSRP is an anti-Negro and anti-Semitic organization.

Several members of the NSRP, [redacted] are presently under indictment in the U. S. District Court, Birmingham, for their activities in connection with the desegregation of the Birmingham schools in September, 1963.

The leader of this organization is Dr. Edward R. Fields and the attorney for the organization is Jesse B. Stoner of Atlanta, Georgia. Information has been received in the past indicating that these men condone and at times incite violence.

It is hoped that through such a technical surveillance information will be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which bombing four small Negro children were killed.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham aggravated by the recent bombings, it is believed that further activity on the part of those responsible for the bombings could easily lead to further rioting, bloodshed, loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

The Birmingham Office has assured that the technical surveillance can be installed with full security.

There are 56 investigative-type technical surveillances in operation at the present time and 14 are awaiting installation. The limit is 75.

Enclosure *sent* 10-30-63

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. [redacted]

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TO SAC INDIANAPOLIS

JUNE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB. MEETING OF RIGHT WING GROUPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, OCTOBER NINETEEN - TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, RACIAL MATTERS.

REURTEL OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR INSTALLATION OF MISUR AT

MAROTT HOTEL AND ON ROOMS TO BE OCCUPIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH RIGHT WING GROUP MEETING

PROVIDING FULL SECURITY ASSURED. ADVISE BUREAU TIME AND DATE OF INSTALLATION AND SYMBOL NUMBER. ADVISE BUREAU TIME AND DATE OF DISCONTINUANCE. FURNISH PERTINENT RESULTS OF INSTALLATION PROMPTLY TO BUREAU.

RBL:nkr

1 (4) Mr. [REDACTED]

VIA TELETYPE

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NOTE: Information has been received from Miami and Indianapolis Offices that there will be a meeting of Right Wing Groups in the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 19-20, 1963. The Miami Office has advised that one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Indianapolis was instructed to conduct a survey for possible technical coverage of the meeting. [REDACTED]

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The Indianapolis Office has assured full security in the installation of this misur.

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MAIL ROOM

TELETYPE UNIT

**Memorandum to Mr. Belmont**  
**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF**  
**SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install this technical surveillance.

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap Bomb*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director (Bufile 157-1025 ) JUNE DATE: 10/22/63

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title **BAPBOMB**

Character of Case **BOMBING MATTERS**

Field Office **157-352**

Symbol Number **[REDACTED] (RAC)**

Type of Surveillance **Technical ~~Microphones~~**

**CONF. INFT.**

1. Name and address of subject:

2. Location of technical operation:

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: none

4. Cost and manpower involved: **Two Special Agents will operate along with other technicals at central location (until relieved by clerical personnel).**

5. Adequacy of security: **Adequate**

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6. Type of case involved: **Bombing of a Negro church in which four children killed.**
7. Connection or status of subject in the case: **Suspect and an associate of prime suspects.**
8. Specific information being sought: **Leads to identity of bomber.**
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: **Information developed that he talks to other suspects by phone.**
10. Importance of case and subject: **Case is of national importance. Suspect is believed to have participated in this and other bombings.**

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail): **None known unless subjects confess.**

12. Risks of detection involved: **None. Full security assured.**

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: **15 days**

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency): **none**

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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J U N E

October 29, 1963

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,  
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

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[REDACTED] is a prime suspect and an associate  
of the suspects developed to date in the bombing of the  
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

It is requested that you authorize the  
installation of a technical surveillance at his home  
or any address to which he may move in order that  
information may be developed leading to the identification  
of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed  
four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in  
Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is  
believed that additional activity on the part of those  
who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead  
to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially  
affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080  
ON 2/22/00 LEO/KSO

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 4:22 PM  
DATE 10-29-63  
BY [signature]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF THIS ACTION  
DATE 3/9/77 R36/90

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NOTE: See memo Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, 10/28/63, same caption, [REDACTED] *Declassified*

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. Belmont *B*

DATE: October 28, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

J U N E

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

This memorandum recommends that the Attorney General's authority be obtained to install a technical surveillance on the telephone of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a suspect in the instant bombing and is a close associate of other prime suspects in this case.

This is the case involving the bombing of the church in which four small Negro children were killed. It is hoped that through such a technical surveillance information will be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham aggravated by the recent bombings, it is believed that further activity on the part of those responsible for the bombings could easily lead to further rioting, bloodshed, loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States. *Ch*

The Birmingham Office has assured that the technical surveillance can be installed with full security.

There are 55 investigative-type technical surveillances in operation at the present time and 15 are awaiting installation. The limit is 75.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install this technical surveillance.

Enclosure *sent 10-29-63*

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

RBL:hw

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap bomb.*

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File Number 157-1028-579

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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomb

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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREETH  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bapbomb*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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HSCA re 1-24-78 request.  
(See Bufile #32-117230)

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile

JUNE

) DATE: 10/25/63

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title BAPBOMB

Character of Case BOMBING MATTERS

Field Office 157-352

Symbol Number [redacted]

Type of Surveillance (Technical ~~xxxxxx~~)

CONF. INFT.

1. Name and address of subject: [redacted] 1865 Bessemer Road,  
National States Rights Party Headquarters,  
Birmingham, Alabama

2. Location of technical operation: [redacted]

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: None

4. Cost and manpower involved:

Two Special Agents will operate along with other technicals at central location. (Until relieved by clerical personnel)

5. Adequacy of security:

Adequate

- 1 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham

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Adequate

Subsequent memo  
10/29/63  
Let for AG  
10/29/63

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10/28

6. Type of case involved: **Bombing of Negro church in which four children killed.**
7. Connection or status of subject in the case: **Leaders of National States Rights Party have been involved in bombings and violence and associate with suspects in this case.**
8. Specific information being sought: **Leads to identify subjects in this case.**
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: **Leaders of NSRP associate with suspects.**
10. Importance of case and subject: **National importance; NSRP leaders probably have some knowledge of bombings.**

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail):     **None known unless subjects confess.**

12. Risks of detection involved:     **None. Full security assured.**

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:     **15 days**

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency):     **None**



15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybombe -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director (Bufile 157-1025 ) JUNE DATE: 10/22/63

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title **BAPBOMB**

Character of Case **BOMBING MATTERS**

Field Office **157-352**

Symbol Number **[REDACTED] (RAC)**

Type of Surveillance **(Technical ~~xxxxxx~~)**

**CONF. INFO.**

1. Name and address of subject: **ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS**  
**2505 32nd Avenue North**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**

2. Location of technical operation: **[REDACTED]**

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: **None**

4. Cost and manpower involved: **Two Special Agents will operate along with other technicals at central location. (Until relieved by clerical personnel)**

5. Adequacy of security: **Adequate EX-115**

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1 - Birmingham

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6. Type of case involved: **Bombing of a Negro church in which four children killed.**
7. Connection or status of subject in the case: **Prime suspect.**
8. Specific information being sought: **Leads to identity of bombers.**
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: **This and other suspects appear to be relaxing and perhaps will discuss case with other suspects.**
10. Importance of case and subject: **Case is of national importance. Suspect is one of prime suspects.**

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail): **None known unless subjects confess.**

12. Risks of detection involved: **None. Full security assured.**

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: **15 days.**

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency): **none**



15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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Date *1-8-77*

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bapbombr*

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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re: 42 [REDACTED]  
FROM 1-26-78  
(over)

J U N E

October 30, 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF  
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS**

[REDACTED]

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It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at his home or any address to which he may move in order that information may be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080 ✓  
ON 2/22/77 LBD/19  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

SENT FROM D. C.  
TIME 4:50 PM.  
DATE 10-30-63  
BY [REDACTED]

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DATE 3/9/77 RSC/jul

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF  
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTE:

SEE MEMO, ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE CAPTION,  
10/29/63, RBL:cag.

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[unclear] by Royal Task Force  
Date 1-8-79

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bayboml

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BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63

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JUNE

October 28, 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,  
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS**

*Bap bomb*

Robert Edward Chambliss, 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, is a prime suspect in this bombing investigation and other bombings which have taken place in Birmingham and is a close associate of other suspects developed to date in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at his home or any address to which he may move in order that information may be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE:

See memo, Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, 10/28/63, same caption, RBL/cbm.

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bapbomr*

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

JUNE

FROM: SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

RE: BAPBOMB

The following technical coverage is now in operation  
in connection with this case:

TESURS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Symbol #</u>	<u>Date Installed</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (RAC)	10/4/63
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (RAC)	10/22/63
ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS 2505 32nd Avenue North Birmingham, Alabama	[REDACTED] (RAC)	10/22/63
[REDACTED] National States Rights Party headquarters 1865 Bessemer Road Birmingham, Alabama	[REDACTED] (RAC)	10/25/63

Form FD-142 was submitted on each of the above on the  
dates installed.

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3 - Birmingham (1 - 157-352-SF2)  
(1 - 137-698)  
(1 - 66-1260)

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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MISURS

WASP

Subject

Symbol #

Date Installed

*67c*  
[REDACTED] *ant*

[REDACTED]  
(RAC) - 2

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*67d* " *427*  
[REDACTED] *ant*  
[REDACTED] *vol*

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SURVEYS UNDERWAY FOR TESURS

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomb.

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Date: 10/31/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM: *EJH* SAC, KNOXVILLE (66-813) (P)  
SUBJECT: BAP BOMB

JUNE

Re Knoxville airtel to Bureau 10/24/63.

On 10/30/63, SA [redacted] FBI Laboratory, temporarily in Birmingham Division, telephonically discussed with SA [redacted] possible method of arranging MISUR and TESUR on [redacted]. In addition to the facts set forth in referenced airtel re entrance to their residence [redacted].

Based on facts re difficulty of ever finding [redacted] residence unoccupied it is not believed feasible to attempt entrance to this residence. Also, based on facts referenced airtel, and referenced telephone conversation 10/30/63, MISUR not possible without entrance.

TESUR is not being recommended at this time based on following reasons: It is not believed that such coverage would be productive as the [redacted] have repeatedly said they believe that periodically the FBI monitors their telephone conversations [redacted].

3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Birmingham (157-352) (RM)  
2 - Knoxville

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Special Agent in Charge

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomber

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# ROUTE 11 ENVELOPE

November 20, 1963

Airtel

1 - Mr [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

J U N E

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Reur Forms FD-143 submitted in connection  
with the installation of [REDACTED] (RAC) and [REDACTED]  
(RAC).

Bureau will record installation dates as  
11/7/63 for both tesurs. Advise telephone numbers.  
Also advise status of technical surveillance on  
[REDACTED] If installed, advise time and  
date of installation, symbol number and telephone number.

In addition, advise status of any surveys  
being conducted for any additional tesurs listing names,  
addresses and telephone numbers.

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) ATTN. Electronics Section,  
FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB "JUNE"

RE: TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT - "BAT"

There is being forwarded under separate cover by Registered Mail one "BAT" with two External Microphones.

As previously advised, this "BAT" was altered with intent to exchange it for the "BAT" that was recently discovered; however, this was not possible.

The "BAT" and microphones are being returned for disposition by the Bureau and need not be replaced.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**  
**SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

**REFERRALS & CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS**



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 TO DIRECTOR AND SAC BIRMINGHAM  
 FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 152450

SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BOMBING OF, BIRMINGHAM,  
 ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963. RACIAL MATTER.

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The Attorney General

September 17, 1963

Director, FBI

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BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
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This information has been furnished to the  
Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the  
President.

157-1025

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall  
Assistant Attorney General

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The Attorney General

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the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the Nation. Information contained in Philadelphia teletype 9/15/63. By separate letter the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has been advised.

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September 17, 1963

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

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This information has been furnished to the  
Attorney General.

EX-103 REC-66 157-1025  
Sincerely yours,

157-1025

1 - 100-3-116 (CPUSA) - Negro Question - Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters)

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the defense interest of the Nation. Information contained in  
Philadelphia teletype 9/15/63. By separate letter the Attorney  
General, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys  
General Marshall and Yeagley are being advised.

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Date: 9/17/63

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Via AIRTELREGISTERED MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-858) (P)

SUBJECT: RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,  
 BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
 BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,  
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963;  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 (OO: Birmingham)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI (CRD-15)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a  
 self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

Information copies disseminated locally to  
 intelligence agencies.

The LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as  
 disclosure of information obtained from [redacted] could  
 reasonably result in the identification of a confidential  
 informant of continuing value and compromise the future  
 effectiveness thereof.

- 3 - Bureau (ENCLS. 8) (RM)  
 2 - Birmingham ((ENCLS. 2) (RM)  
 2 - Philadelphia  
 1 - 157-858  
 1 - 100-47106 (Communist Influence in RM)

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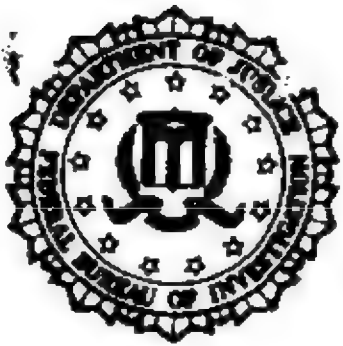
It should be noted that by airtel dated 7/16/63, with an accompanying LHM, entitled "RAM; IS - C," the Bureau was advised of the background of RAM and this communication also identified [REDACTED]

The Bureau will be kept advised. *h7c*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 17, 1963

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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Characterizations of the ICC, YSA, and CAMD  
appear in the Appendix.

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General  
of the United States pursuant to Executive Order  
10450.

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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The Philadelphia Inquirer of September 17, 1963, Final City Edition, on Page Six carried a story regarding a statement by Philip B. Savage, Tri-State Director of the NAACP that this organization was proposing a special memorial service to be held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 1963, in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, in memory of the victims of the Birmingham church bombing. Savage also offered the services of the NAACP to expedite the channeling of contributions to the Birmingham church for its rebuilding.

All informants not identified in the Appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Via AIRTEL

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-178)(C)

RE: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CHURCH  
BOMBING SYMPATHY MARCH,  
PORTLAND, OREGON, 9/22/63,  
INSTIGATED BY CORE  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Portland)

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, regarding captioned matter.

The letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential because [redacted] and [redacted] are security sources of continuing value, whose effectiveness conceivably could be jeopardized unless adequately protected, to the detriment of our internal security.

It is noted that at 12:28 p.m., 9/20/63, [redacted] Special Agent, 115th INTC Group, Region III, Portland Field Office, Old Post Office Building, NW Broadway and Glisan, Portland, Oregon, was advised of the facts regarding the contemplated sympathy march.

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DATE 9-27-83 BY [redacted]

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CHURCH  
BOMBING SYMPATHY MARCH,  
PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 22,  
1963, INSTIGATED BY CORE

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The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, in an article in the edition on September 22, 1963, reported regarding the contemplated march under the caption, "Mayor Calls For Prayer For Birmingham Victims." This newspaper article was noted to be similar to the press release referred to above and outlined the proclamation by Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk regarding "Sunday as a day of recognition and prayer for victims and families of the Birmingham, Alabama church bombing last week," and outlined the program scheduled for the march and public meeting.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CHURCH  
BOMBING SYMPATHY MARCH,  
PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 22,  
1963, INSTIGATED BY CORE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Oregon Journal, Portland daily newspaper, on September 23, 1963, contained an article captioned, "600 Rally To Protest Bombings," which reviewed the events relating to the meeting at the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church and the march to the Federal Building steps in downtown Portland. It identified one of the speakers as Reverend Eugene Boyd, pastor of the Solid Rock Baptist Church, and identified other speakers previously named in the press release announcing the meeting. The article noted that the meeting had been organized by the Portland FSNCC and the Youth Council for the NAACP, and pointed out that the marchers had picked up 200 signs distributed at Dawson Park, one block from the church, for their parade to the downtown area. The marchers were described as having filled the street for the length of about one block.

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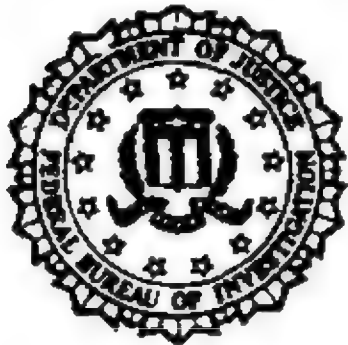
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September 23, 1963

Title	BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA, CHURCH BOMBING, SYMPATHY MARCH, PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1963, INSTIGATED BY CORE
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated September 23, 1963, at Portland, Oregon.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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The Attorney General

September 18, 1963

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that on September 16, 1963, the Communist Party, USA, over the signature of its General Secretary, Gus Hall, sent a telegram to President John F. Kennedy at the White House. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"Brutal murder of six Negro children yesterday in Birmingham demands immediate action and Federal troops to protect lives of American citizens against lawless insurrection, terror, and calls for the arrest of Wallace and others responsible for murder and bombings. Federal authorities must take power of Government away from such bloody hands. Failure to act vigorously in this crisis will not be tolerated by justice loving Americans. You can no longer ignore the growing popular demands for arrest of Wallace and those who incite racist violence and defiance of United States Constitution. Action must be taken to dissolve the Klu Klux Klan, the White Citizens Councils, the American Nazi Party, the National States Rights Party, and all racists terrorists. We demand Executive Orders and a complete program of Federal action to smash the resistance of segregationists in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and elsewhere in the South, for the full establishment of constitutional liberties immediately to all Negro Americans and the establishment of new genuinely democratic government in those states in accord with the United States Constitution. Nothing short of these minimum measures will constitute adequate response by you to the challenge of the Birmingham bombing outrages.

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The Attorney General

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You, President Kennedy, are held personally responsible for the lives and property of American citizens against racists terror under your authority under the Constitution. Gus Hall."

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall  
Assistant Attorney General

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the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the Nation. Information contained in New York teletype 9/16/63. Separate dissemination to the White House is not being made inasmuch as it undoubtedly has received the telegram and is aware of Gus Hall's position.

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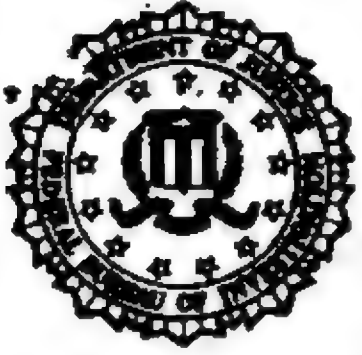
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Date: October 31, 1963

To: Director, FBI (157-1025) ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON  
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From: Legat, Ottawa (157-2) (P)

Subject: BAPBOMB  
(UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63  
BOMBING MATTERS)

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ReBulet 10-8-63.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed for the  
Birmingham Office (157-352).

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1 - Ottawa

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# Bombing reward hits \$43,000 mark

A fund-raising campaign conducted by Birmingham religious leaders has boosted the City Council-sponsored bombing reward to more than \$43,000. Persons of all faiths have pledged more than \$25,000 to the fund since Saturday, according to John H. Buchanan, chaplain of Birmingham Baptist Hospitals, and John Turner, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent. The Council is backing a drive to raise cash and pledges totaling \$50,000 to be given as rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the bombings here of two homes, a motel and a store.

Slightly more than \$18,000 has been pledged to the reward fund besides the pledges announced by the religious leaders. A separate \$5,000 reward has been offered by A. G. Gaston, a Birmingham Negro businessman, in connection with the recent fire bombing of his home.

DRS. BUCHANAN and Turner, who appealed last Saturday to an inter-faith group for aid in raising the reward money, predicted the goal would soon be surpassed.

"We have good reason to believe that men of goodwill of all faiths will boost this total to more than \$50,000 by the end of this week," they said.

"Let us all rally and make the reward fund \$100,000 instead of the \$50,000 asked by the City Council."

Dr. Buchanan said, "The response of the God-fearing people of all faiths is simply saying to the lawless element that engages in bombing under the cover of darkness that they will no longer tolerate such acts."

Dr. Turner said, "The religious people of all faiths have proved by their response that they can be counted on."

THE MINISTERS SAID they were not asking for cash but for pledges to be honored when the bombers are arrested and convicted.

Dr. Turner said anyone wishing to contribute to the reward fund may either contact him or Dr. Buchanan or telephone City Hall, 323-5431, Extension 266.

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# Top Federal Officers Help

## Justice Dept To Lead Probe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Justice Dept. ordered three top aides of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy into Birmingham, Ala., today to spearhead a full investigation of a Negro church bombing that killed four children.

Outside bomb experts were also being brought in to aid the Justice Dept. officials and FBI agents who will assist local authorities in making the check.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall, who was the key figure in mediating the civil rights violence that hit Birmingham last April, will fly to the Alabama city, a Justice Dept. spokesman said.

He heads the department's civil rights division.

Also making the trip are Joseph Dolan, assistant deputy attorney general and John Nolan, the attorney general's administrative assistant.

The spokesman said the FBI moves in automatically to assist in investigations of violence like the Birmingham bombing, but he said the department in this case had specifically directed a full investigation.

He would not comment on how many agents will be involved.

Marshall presumably will report any findings to Atty. Gen. Kennedy, who in past similar situations has kept his brother, President Kennedy, informed.

There was no immediate comment from the week-end White House at Newport, R. I.,

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# All Agencies In Bomber Hunt, Governor Says

MONTGOMERY, Sept. 15 (UPI)—including Birmingham units of the Alabama National Guard now federalized have been alerted for Birmingham.

The church bombing in Birmingham today is a tragic event which has saddened all Alabamians. The perpetrators of this vicious crime must be brought to justice.

"I serve notice on those responsible that every law enforcement agency of this state will be used to apprehend them.

"All available law enforcement agencies of the state of Alabama

including Birmingham units of the Alabama National Guard now federalized have been alerted for Birmingham.

"Col. Al Lingo has been in constant touch with Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and has advised Chief Moore that the entire State Trooper contingent is available for immediate use in Birmingham.

"I have offered a reward of \$5000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the bombing this morning."

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## Clergymen to discuss bomb reward

Birmingham clergymen—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—have been called to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Baptist Building, 10 20th St. South, to discuss a proposal to join in raising the \$50,000 bombing reward.

The executive committee of the Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham Thursday approved the call for the meeting.

DR. JOHN BUCHANAN, Birmingham Baptist Hospital chaplain and retired pastor of Southside Baptist Church, and Dr. John C. Turner, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, presented the appeal to the association's executive committee. The Rev. Ernest Flaniken, the association's vice president, called the meeting in the absence of Dr. V. Landon Miller, president.

Dr. Buchanan told members of the executive committee that he felt it was time that the religious forces of Birmingham be mobilized to support law and order.

The discussion Saturday morning will center around an appeal that all clergymen present the matter to their congregations Sunday and ask for pledges to the \$50,000 bomb award fund.

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# Miles President Calls For Action By Council

Dr. L. H. Pitts, president of Miles College said yesterday's church bombing "has pushed us right to the end of a very dangerous volcano."

Dr. Pitts said that more bombings were likely to occur "until the Mayor and the City Council take more positive steps."

"I think it is an opportunity for our Christian leaders, both Negro and white, to come together and move ahead to correct this situation," Pitts continued.

## Christian Leaders

"I think the Mayor and Council could call the white and Negro Christian leaders together and involve the main economic powers of our community, and let these people speak.

"I think our people will follow the leadership of the people who are in power, if the leaders will only speak.

Pitts said that he did not think the desegregation of the public schools was the reason for yesterday's church bombing. He said it was "something else."

## 'Misguided' People

Pitts said that the people who bombed church were "not mean people, but poor misguided people."

Speaking of the racial problem in Birmingham, Pitts said, "It can't be solved by hope and prayer alone. It has to be stopped by people who want to tackle it together."

"I don't think Birmingham will move forward until there is a frank look by the powerful people in our city. Powerful leaders who could mold the people, if they would," Pitts said.

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# Tragic Blast Ends Children's Sunday Lesson: 'The Love That Forgives'

BY JIM PURKS

Associated Press Staff Writer

"The love that forgives" was the Sunday School lesson at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. It was never finished.

A bomb exploded there and twisted the lesson into an experience of confusion, terror and death.

Who knows on what part the four Negro children were reading when they were killed, their bodies hit by flying glass and mortar?

Maybe they had reached the end of the lesson, with a Bible passage from Matthew: "But I say unto you, love your enemies."

The children were meeting in various parts of the church: some were in the basement, some in the main room, and others in an adjacent Sunday School building.

## Clock Stopped at 10:25

The four killed were in the basement, where a clock is stopped at 10:25.

Shattered windows, large pieces of mortar, and a broken marble plaque commemorating the founding of the church in 1873 are mute testimony to the destruction there.

In one small room are patches of blood on the floor. At the end of a sharp piece of glass is more blood.

Up the steps, in the main room, where church services are regularly held for a congregation of 150, the clock is stopped at 10:22.

Glass is scattered on the wooden pews, over the piano and organ, on the pulpit. The organ pipes were left intact.

## Telephone Ringing

Behind the pulpit is a little room — the pastor's — which is strewn with litter, twisted tables and mortar. A phone there rings constantly, answered by a church deacon.

"No, we don't know the names of who was killed. I'm going down to the hospital soon. Don't you worry," he says softly.

Outside, Negroes who live near the church stand around quietly, watching the parade of shotgun-armed policemen, firemen and newsmen as they step among shattered glass and stones.

M. W. Pippen looks first at the church and then his store, Social Cleaners, which he owns with his brother. The store damage runs in the thousands of dollars.

But the damage to his heart is more.

"My grandbaby was one of those killed," he says.

"Eleven years old. I helped pull the rocks off her. I got one of her shoes in there," he motions his head toward the inside of his shattered building.

"You know how I feel. I feel like blowing the whole town up."

"Weak-minded people, that's who brought it on."

Two other stores and a contracting company office were shattered by the blast. Apartment rooms above the stores were shattered. Their windows were knocked completely out. Four cars were destroyed by the impact and flying rocks.

Mattie Tonson, landlady of an apartment house located about five paces behind the church, said her huge wooden frame house was heavily damaged. Boarders swept broken glass off the floors as she talked.

## Like Thunder

"It shook the house real bad. I thought it was a fire at first because there was a lot of smoke."

Miss Tonson said she thought a boarder living on the ground floor on the church side would have been killed had he been there.

"It sounded just like a clap of thunder, and then there was a big ball of smoke," another neighbor said.

A young Negro looks at newsmen from his porch. He is courteous, but his eyes are angry.

"What are y'all going to do about all this bombing? Looks like it's up to the colored folks to do something."

Groups of Negroes on the corners were dispersed and driven several blocks away by helmeted policemen, just to discourage any possible rioting. But they are quiet. They watch.

## Negro Community Angry

The Negro community is angry now, police have no doubt. Many Negroes will tell you that. The police chief has asked for help from the State Troopers.

Said Capt. Jack Warren, who with three men, was the first on the scene after the bombing:

"The crowd came from nowhere. Man, they were mad, mad! I wouldn't have given you 15 cents for my life. I've seen a lot of these things. I begged them on the bullhorn, But it didn't do much good."

Capt. Warren said many Negroes started throwing rocks at his men, but none were hit. A Negro civil defense captain came along just in time to help calm the angry crowd," he said.

"We could have had a terrible thing."

The Rev. N. H. Smith, Negro minister and general secretary of the Alabama Christian Movement for Civil Rights, stood on the steps of the church about noon. The community was now quiet.

"I think the attitude of the Negro community would change if someone were apprehended and punished for these dastardly acts."

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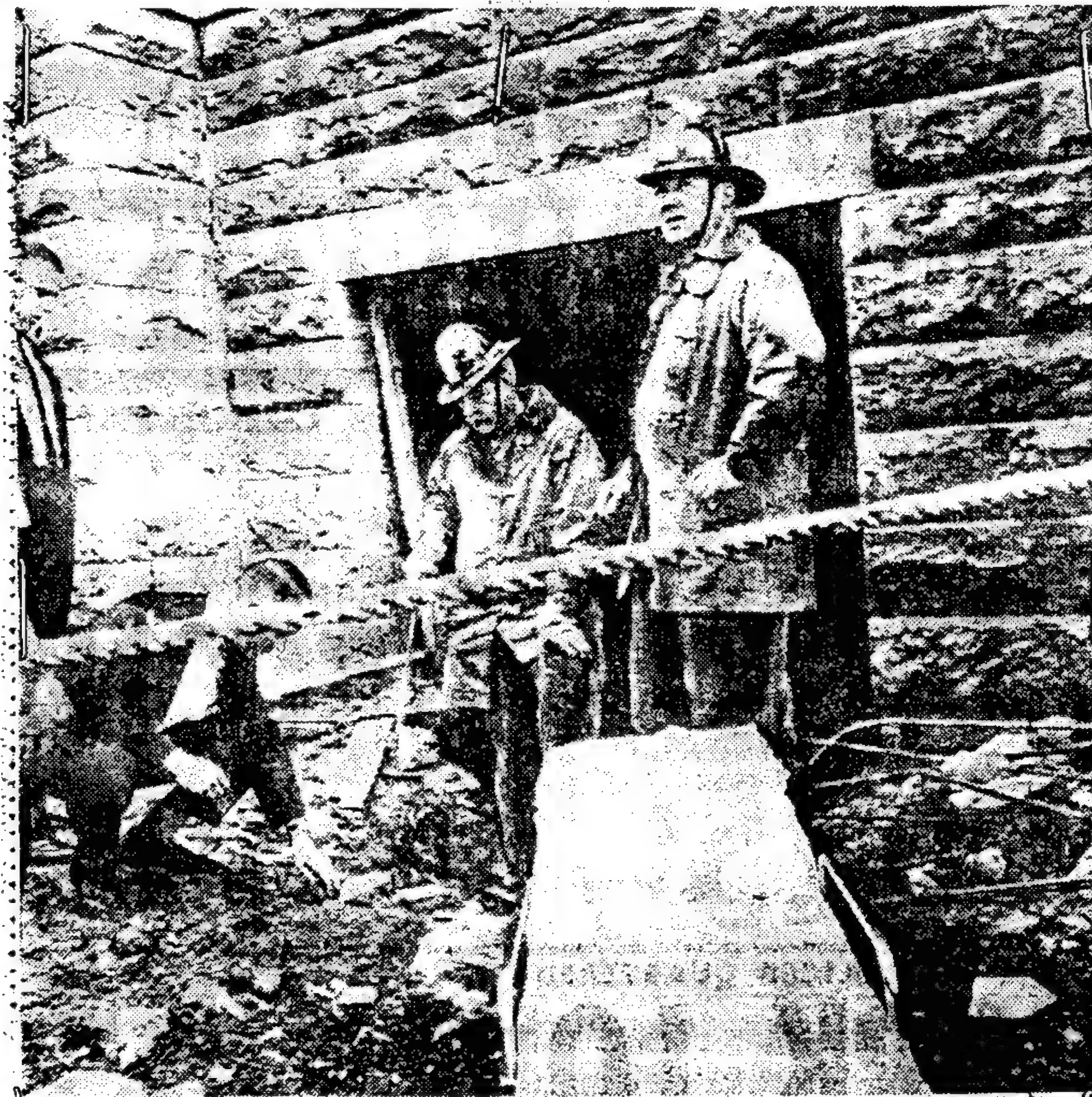
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His sermon that day at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church? "The Seven Deadly Sins. The seventh, 'seeding discord among brethren.'"

A bomb went off. Four are dead. Thousands are angry. As before, citizens of Birmingham—called the "Magic City"—wait to see what will happen.



**FOR VICTIM**—Birmingham firemen and policemen helped ambulance personnel clear the way through the debris of the bombed-out Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday, in an effort to bring victims and survivors out of the rubble. Four persons were killed and more than a score injured in the blast.





**SURVIVORS**—A grieving Negro family gathered outside the bombed 16th Street Baptist Church yesterday. From left are an unidentified Negro man; M. W. Pippin, operator of a cleaning establishment across the street; Mrs. Bernard Jones, and W. J. Coke. One of the victims of the blast, 11-year-old Denise McNair, was Mr. Pippin's granddaughter.



**WHERE BOMB WENT OFF**—A law enforcement officer inspects the broken timbers and debris in the rubble of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where a dynamite bomb killed four persons yesterday. The bomb ripped out the wall of the building, as shown above, and scattered glass and wreckage into the street.





**GUARD CHURCH**—Officers of the Birmingham police and the Jefferson County sheriff's office, wearing "hard hats" and carrying riot weapons, guarded the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday, after a 15-stick dynamite bomb killed four persons during services. Other officers, from outlying municipalities, were brought into the situation to help maintain order.



**STAINED GLASS SMASHED** — The explosive force of a 15-stick dynamite bomb killed four persons and smashed the windows of the 16th Street Baptist Church yesterday. The picture above, a figure of Christ in a stained glass window, shows pieces of the figure—including the face—blown out.

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# City Council Hits Bombing

The Birmingham City Council met in emergency session yesterday to cope with the city's crisis and passed a strongly worded resolution in sympathy with parents of four children killed in a church bombing. They pledged the total strength of the city to the capture and punishment of the criminals who bombed the Negro church.

Meeting with the council were Sheriff Mel Bailey, Police Chief Jamie Moore, State Public Safety Director Al Lingo and Mayor Albert Boutwell.

Rumors of a curfew ordinance were squelched by all the enforcement leaders who agreed that personal appeals by leaders over radio, TV and newspapers would have a much greater effect.

Chief Moore said, "I think the appeals would have a much better effect than a curfew because people do not appreciate being told when and where they can go."

Sheriff Bailey said, "A curfew would only irritate the people and would create a condition that would take more men than we have."

George Seibels, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, suggested that instead of the proposed curfew ordinance that Chief Moore, Mayor Boutwell, Sheriff Bailey and other leaders make their appeals directly to all the people of Birmingham to return to their peaceful pursuits.

Al Lingo, who just arrived in Birmingham with 150 State Troopers, told members of the council his men would re-enforce the local officers so that cars may patrol the trouble spots throughout the city.

Meanwhile, all white persons are requested to stay clear of Negro communities.

The text of the council statement:

"The mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham express the profound sorrow of the entire community to the families who have lost their children in today's tragedy.

"It is time for every one of our citizens to wake up to the reality that resorting to savagery is not a solution to any problem.

"This is not simply a legal or political question but an issue which must strike at the heart and conscience of every person in this state.

"We pledge the total strength of the city to the capture and punishment of the perpetrators of this crime.

"In addition to our relentless purpose to pursue these criminals, we repudiate mob action and individual disorderly conduct of every kind, and call upon the citizens, both young and old, to return to the good order and serenity which are essential for the peace and security of all of us.

"The horrified indignation of our community at this barbaric and senseless atrocity can best be expressed by the unanimous and continued determinations of every citizen not only to bring these criminals to justice but to make certain that no such crime is ever again perpetrated here."

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# State Offers \$5000 Reward

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MONTGOMERY, Sept. 15—Gov. George Wallace today posted a \$5000 reward and ordered state troopers to investigate the bombing of a Negro church at Birmingham in which four persons were killed.

Wallace directed state troopers to look for a car seen near the bombing.

The action was announced from the executive mansion about an hour and a half after the dynamite bomb shattered the 16th Avenue Baptist Church during Sunday school hours.

The governor said he was keeping in touch with the situation through state troopers at the scene.

Wallace said he was notified of the bombing by Al Lingo, commander of the state highway patrol.

"I hope they catch them," the governor said.

"From the description of the men in the car they're looking for they could be white, black or Mexican," he said.

In a later statement, Wallace said "we are going to protect the lives and safety of all our people, both white and colored."

"This is no time for inflammatory statements and we don't need any more from outside agitators who thrive on tragedies such as occurred in Birmingham."

"However, when calmness returns, we should all take a realistic look at just what is causing all the violence in this country from the front steps of city hall in New York to the streets of Los Angeles including Cambridge, Md., High Point, N. C., Danville, Va., Chicago, Ill., Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, D. C."

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# Boutwell Requests Aid From Wallace

Mayor Albert Boutwell, his eyes filled with tears and his voice shaking with emotion, called for help from Gov. George Wallace.

After a meeting with Police Chief Jamie Moore, Boutwell came out of his office in the tall, white city hall building only three blocks from the church that was bombed, and announced to reporters that Wallace had promised 300 state troopers.

"It is a tragic event," Boutwell said of the bombing. "It is most sickening that a few individuals could commit such a horrible atrocity."

The occurrence of such a thing has so gravely concerned the public . . . at that point Boutwell's voice broke and he could not continue.

Boutwell and Moore sent the following telegram to the governor:

"In view of the tragic and a horrendous events in Birmingham,

I am this morning, we anticipate a great deal of unrest.

While the situation appears to be well under control of local law enforcement officers at this time, the possibility of further trouble exists.

"In view of our determination to leave no stone unturned in our efforts to maintain law and order, we appeal to you as governor of Alabama to use the power invested in you to help us maintain the peace and dignity desired by the people of this community and this state . . ."

Jefferson County Sheriff Me Bailey concurs."

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# Leaders In Appeal For Order And Aid

Grim-faced civic leaders joined in a radio and television appeal for order last night in the wake of bloodshed and violence which rocked Birmingham after the bombing of a Negro church.

Mayor Albert Boutwell, civic, law enforcement and religious leaders said that "the head of every decent, good and law-abiding citizen was bowed in sorrow." He said that this "great tragedy" was a shame which fell on the whole city and the nation.

## Firm Pledge

A note of firmness entered the mayor's voice when he affirmed that "no stone will be left untouched . . . and no effort or expense spared" until the criminals are apprehended in yesterday's bombing of a Negro church which killed four children.

Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Birmingham Ministerial Assn., was the final leader to issue an appeal on a special half-hour program over television and radio.

He urged "every God-fearing person regardless of race or creed" to join in a noonday moment of prayer which would start today, and, for each day there-

after and continue through Sept. 22.

In asking all citizens to join in the mass prayer, he said that he was expecting "a spiritual miracle of brotherliness."

Earlier, a special appeal was made to both parents and school children not to participate in any demonstration today.

Also, citizens were cautioned about leaving their homes and were advised not to travel unless it was absolutely necessary.

Police Chief Inspector William Haley, Sheriff Melvin Bailey, Council President M. E. Wiggins, Councilman George Seibels Jr. and Alabama Highway Public Safety Director Al Lingo all appeared on the program.

The law enforcement officers, especially, appealed to anyone having any information about the church bombing to come to the police.

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# Bomb Blasts Detonate Crowd Disturbances

Crowds surging into the streets and creating disturbances following bombings in Birmingham have become common, and more easily detonated. The first of such incidents began only one year ago.

In December of 1962 a bomb was thrown into the Northside Negro church, which had been formerly pastored by the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth.

Twenty-five Negro children who were practicing a Christmas play escaped uninjured in the blast, but heavy damage was reported to the church and the pastor's home across the street.

Immediately after the blast, an unruly crowd began to gather at the scene. Two carloads of Negroes were arrested by policemen.

The first wide-spread rioting to follow a bombing incident occurred on the night of May 11, after two bombs—one at A. G. Gaston Motel and the other at the home of Negro leader A. D. King—exploded within 30 minutes. Crowds of persons, mostly Negroes, roamed city streets, setting fire to stores, homes and other establishments in the Kelley Ingram Park area.

The most recent dynamite bombing incidents in the Birmingham area occurred at the home of Arthur Shores, Negro attorney. The two bombings—one on Aug. 21 and the other on Sept. 5—triggered off widespread rioting in which more than 1000 Negroes were involved.

Following the second bombing at the Shores home on Center St., one Negro was killed and 21 persons were injured. Damage was heavier in the first bombing, according to police reports.

The last bombing prior to the Sixteenth Street Church yesterday occurred at the home of A. G. Gaston, Negro businessman. Two incendiary bombs were thrown, with damage reported as being "light."

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**CRUMPLED CARS**—Cars outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church were crumpled like toys by the murderous dynamite blast which killed four little Negro girls in the church and injured many others. Bits of glass, some of it from blown-out stained glass windows, littered the sidewalk and street outside.

## 2 Negroes Killed In Incidents Here

Two Negro boys, one 13 and the other 16, were killed late yesterday afternoon in connection with racial troubles here.

Police said 16-year-old James Robinson, 622 28th-st. n, was dead on arrival at Hillman Emergency Hospital after being shot by a Birmingham policeman.

Officers said Robinson was among a group of Negroes throwing rocks at cars loaded with white teen-agers in the 800 block of 26th-st. n.

Detectives C. L. Pierce and M. E. Gullion reported the Negroes ordered to halt, ran from police up 26th-st, and turned into Eighth-alley. An officers fired a shotgun loaded with buckshot at the legs of a group, according to police.

Some of the shots struck Robinson, knocking him to the ground. Police said Virgil Ware, 13, was shot and killed by two white teen-agers on a motor scooter on Sandusky-rd. about the same time Robinson was shot.

An arrest order was issued for the white boys.

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**POLICE INVESTIGATE**—Birmingham police and sheriff's deputies, dressed in hard hats and carrying carbines, moved into the vicinity of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday to keep order and to investigate the dynamite blast which killed four little Negro girls in Sunday school.

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# Cries Of Grief Follow Bombing

BY RALPH HOLMES

Minutes after a bomb left the Sixteenth Street Baptist church in shambles, a screaming, sobbing crowd of Negroes began digging in the rubble to find the injured church members.

One Negro man seeing a sheet covered body being taken to an ambulance, cried out in grief, "This is my sister, and she's dead." He pointed to the church and shouted, "I have another sister inside somewhere, but this one is dead."

The scene around the Negro church, which was a headquarters for the May Negro demonstrations, was that of mass confusion and almost panic on the part of many of the Negro onlookers.

In the 16th-st side of the church, three cars blocked the street, riddled with holes from flying rock, and smashed by the force of the blast.

Across the street, windows and doors were knocked out of buildings and stores, leaving the area covered with glass and rubble.

Other houses adjacent to the church on 16th-st were damaged. Tommy Rand, clad in overalls and white shirt, told the growing crowd of shouting Negroes, "go home and pray for the men who did this evil deed."

## Minister Jeered

"We must have love in our hearts for these men," Rand continued, only to be jeered at by a group of Negro youths gathered across the street from the church in a Negro laundry which was damaged by the blast.

One of the youths shouted, "We give love, and we get this." He was backed up by shouts of approval from other Negroes.

The auditorium of the Negro church seemed almost unaffected by the blast, except that some of the stained-glass windows were broken and cracked and the pulpit area covered with glass and other rubble.

The entrance on the Sixteenth Street side of the church seemed to have received most of the force from the bomb. A crater about three-feet deep and at least eight-feet in diameter was left in the doorway.

## Time Bomb Suspected

The blast left most of the classrooms and stairways of the two-story building in shambles. Most of the injured and dead were taken from the classrooms where Sunday School was going on at the time of the explosion.

An unidentified Negro man told reporters that the blast must have come from a time bomb planted under the steps of the 16th-st entrance.

Police quickly roped off the area around the church and blocked off a six-block section around the blast area.

When Negroes began gathering in Kelly Ingram park, police quickly sent the crowd away telling them to go home.

Other Negro leaders told the constantly gathering crowd of Negroes, some silent with grief, and others shouting in anger, to go home and let police investigate the bombing, so they can give us justice.

In the midst of wailing police sirens and shouting, the low sound of the song, "We Shall Overcome," could be heard from the crowd surrounding the area.

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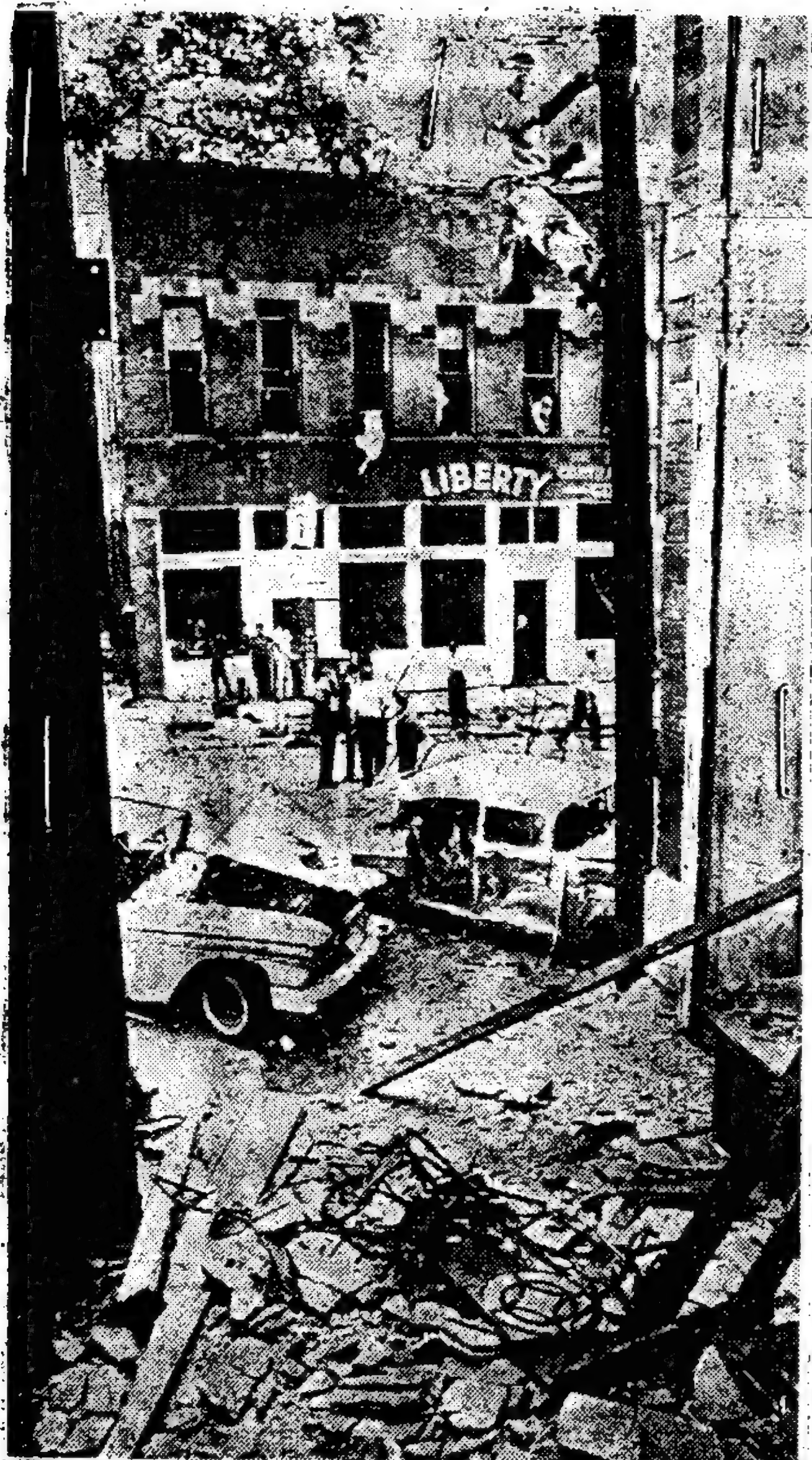
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**DEBRIS**—The murderous dynamite blast which wrecked the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday scattered broken glass, rocks and pieces of the building in front of the church. The blast crumpled several cars parked in front of the church. A utility company employee is shown repairing blasted lines.

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# 20th Bombing Here Against Negroes

The bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church marked at least the 20th time in eight years that Birmingham Negroes have been bomb victims.

But yesterday was the first time anyone has been killed by the blasts. Four died, and the 13 injured was only seven less than the total injured in all the 19 previous bombings.

Since the bombings began in 1955, the main targets have been the churches, the home of the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, and the homes of Negroes moving into a white section that came to be known as "Dynamite Hill."

## 12 Days Ago

The last dynamite bombing was 12 days ago at the home of Negro attorney Arthur Shores on "Dynamite Hill." That blast occurred while repair work was still in progress from a bombing at Shores' home two weeks earlier. Eight days ago a bomb was tossed into the Robinwood home of A. G. Gaston, prominent Negro businessman.

While the previous bombings caused no deaths and few injuries, three of the most recent set off rioting that led to one death, scores of injuries and widespread property damage in fires, looting and stonings.

Volunteer Negro guards captured several white men who allegedly threw a bomb at Shuttlesworth's church several years ago. They were acquitted. They were the only arrests.

## Reported Bombings

The bombings since 1955:

December, 1956—home of the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth.

April 1957—home of Ashbury Howard, Negro labor leader, at Bessemer.

April, 1957—Allen Temple, a church, Bessemer.

July, 1957—incomplete Negro home on "Dynamite Hill."

November, 1957—Negro home under construction, Bessemer.

December, 1957—blast that damaged five Negro homes on "Dynamite Hill."

May, 1958—home of Mrs. Dora Muldin, Birmingham.

June, 1958—Bethel Baptist Church, where Shuttlesworth was pastor.

July, 1958—home of William Blackwell, steel company employee.

January, 1962—New Bethel Baptist Church, where Shuttlesworth was pastor.

January, 1962—St. Luke's Zion Church.

January, 1962—Trinity Church of God.

January, 1962—Four-unit apartment houses for Negroes under construction.

December, 1962—New Bethel Baptist Church.

March, 1963—home of Howard Robinson, Birmingham.

May, 1963—the Rev. A. D. King's home, Birmingham.

May, 1963—A. G. Gaston Motel.

August, 1963—home of Arthur Shores, civil rights attorney.

Sept. 4, 1963—Shores' home again.

Sept. 15, 1963—16th Street Baptist Church.

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Pastor Says—

# All Was Calm—Then Chaos

"It all happened so unexpectedly that it took a moment to sink in," said the Rev. John Cross, pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which was bombed yesterday.

"Then it turned into chaos," he added.

Said the Rev. Cross: "It was terrible. The blast ripped one child's head completely off.

"The four children who died must have been killed instantly. They were in the direct path of the explosion.

**Church's 'Youth Day'**  
"It was Youth Day at the church. We had about 80 youngsters gathered in our youth department. They were just beginning to reassemble for their closing exercise when the blast went off about 10:22 a.m.

"I believe the bomb must have been planted, probably before dawn, inside the east wall. I don't think it could have been thrown. It tore down the wall between the room in which it went off and that in which the children were reassembling.

"There was almost complete destruction at the site of impact. Window panes were shattered throughout the church.

"I went into the street to try to calm the people gathering there. Then I went to the hospital to help identify our dead and injured."

## 'It Was Horrible'

Mrs. Mamie Greer, Sunday school superintendent at the church, said:

"It was horrible, just horrible. "One minute, a typical Sunday School day. The next, window glass and debris flying every-

where, people screaming and practically stampeding in their effort to get out.

"When we got out on the street we found many of the injured, blood streaming down their faces, walking about as though in a daze, waiting for the ambulances.

"Someone told me my husband had been hurt and taken to the hospital. I rushed there but they wouldn't let me in. They wouldn't let anyone in.

"It was such a brutal thing. All those children. They had just started reassembling for closing prayers. I was upstairs and they were so quiet down-

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# Ministerial Group Asks Prayers Of City

BY LEONARD CHAMBLEE which tend to excite violence, hatred and bitterness. "In humiliation before God" the executive committee of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham yesterday called upon "every God-fearing citizen, regardless of race or creed" to pause for at least a minute of prayer at noon every day this week.

The ministers, meeting in a special session, also endorsed the efforts of a group of laymen to raise funds to pay funeral expenses for the girls killed in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, to pay hospital expenses of the injured and to rebuild the church.

## Their Statement

The complete text of their statement follows:

"Our hearts are broken by the wanton act of cowardly brutality in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. We want to express our compassionate concern to the families of the girls whose lives were snuffed out and to those who were injured. We abhor this and other acts of violence.

"We call upon every God-fearing person to pray, to expect a spiritual miracle of brotherliness in our community.

"We request of every citizen to refrain, by word or deed, from lending aid or dignity to unlawful and malicious expressions

which tend to excite violence, hatred and bitterness.

"We appeal to those who may have some bit of information which may be useful in the apprehension of the perpetrators of this dastardly act to give this information immediately to the authorities.

"In humiliation before God, we call upon every God-fearing person regardless of race or creed to pause daily at high noon, whenever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that churches toll their bells and radio and television stations co-operate in the minute of prayer.

"This observance will extend the week of Sept. 16-22.

"We deplore and are grieved that a place dedicated to the worship of God was bombed and we endorse the efforts of a group of laymen who have pledged to raise funds for the funeral and hospital expenses of the victims and to restore the house of worship damaged.

"We assure the law enforcement and Civilian Defense officers of our concern, confidence and prayers for them in their courageous efforts in this present situation."

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## City Council Prays For Divine Aid

Preceding yesterday's emergency session of the Birmingham City Council, member Dr. John A. Bryan gave the following prayer:

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee this day and hour to guide our thoughts and deliberations.

"Direct our thoughts and decisions.

"Control our emotions.

"Keep hatred and prejudices out of the hearts and souls of the people of our great city.

"Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to Thee, Oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

"We ask in Thy name, Oh God and Savior of all Mankind."

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# Two City Leaders Deplore Bombing

Two Birmingham leaders yesterday issued statements deploring the dynamite bombing of a Negro church.

Birmingham Atty. Douglas Arant and William M. Spencer III, president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, made the statements.

Said Mr. Arant:

"The overwhelming conscience of this community has been shocked by the recent bombings, the worst and most heinous of which occurred today at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church during religious services, resulting not only in the death of innocent children, and injuries to other people but also in great damage to church property not to mention irreparable damage to the reputation of our city and the morale of its people.

## Necessary Steps

"Our local government must take whatever steps are necessary to cope with this lawless situation. If, as the recent budget hearings seem to indicate, this means increased taxes to bring additional law enforcement personnel to assist our already faithful and overburdened police force, the necessary taxes must be levied without delay. The great mass of the people will support the council in this essential action.

Those responsible for these lawless acts have in effect issued a challenge to the constituted governmental authorities and to citizens

who believe in law and order. This challenge must be met and met now. The guilty must be apprehended and punished according to law and whatever steps are required to protect the law-abiding people of this community must be taken.

## Not The Issue

"Whether you are for or against integration is not the issue," Spencer said. "When a company looks at a community and sees this violence they are not coming in here and it will make a bad employment situation far worse. "Anybody who has two grains of sense to rattle around deplors this sort of thing. This is the very kind of thing that plays right into the hands of those who are trying to push Civil Rights legislation through the Congress.

## Average Citizen

"The average citizen of this area should realize how much it hurts them. It has had a very adverse effect on us nationally, because the very people we are fighting to get to come in here and give all our people jobs are just not coming in here. How can we, in all good conscience, ask people to come in here and give our people jobs and risk their money with the kind of situation we have here? This is the absolute opposite of the belief in life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

"It's hurt every single citizen of this area—black, white—it destroys the good names of all people of this area and the future of all our children."

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**LINGO COMES IN**—Alabama Public Safety Director Al Lingo, shown in uniform at Birmingham's City Hall, met with local law enforcement agents after some 300 Highway Patrolmen were brought into Birmingham to help keep order. (To Lingo's right is Sheriff Melvin Bailey.

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# Mayor Urges Citizens To Remain In Homes

Mayor Albert Boutwell, in a special statement issued following yesterday morning's bombing that killed four children at a Negro church, urged citizens to stay at home and to "pray and think."

The mayor said:

"This morning's bombing was an atrocity against all humanity. My heart goes out to the victims and their families — and my heart goes out to all the good people of Birmingham who see this coming night with fear and with sorrow.

"The time is here . . . now . . . for this whole city to have no other thought but to capture the savage animals who committed this act, and others like it, and put an end to this terror.

In the meantime, the tragedy of this Sunday morning must not be compounded by more senseless trouble. Let every citizen who is not required, by absolute

necessity to be on the streets, to stay at home. Let every one of them pray and think.

"Tomorrow, I urge, as strongly as I know how, for the children of Birmingham to get about the business of their education and leave this fearful task to the School Board and their attorneys, and to our law enforcement officers."

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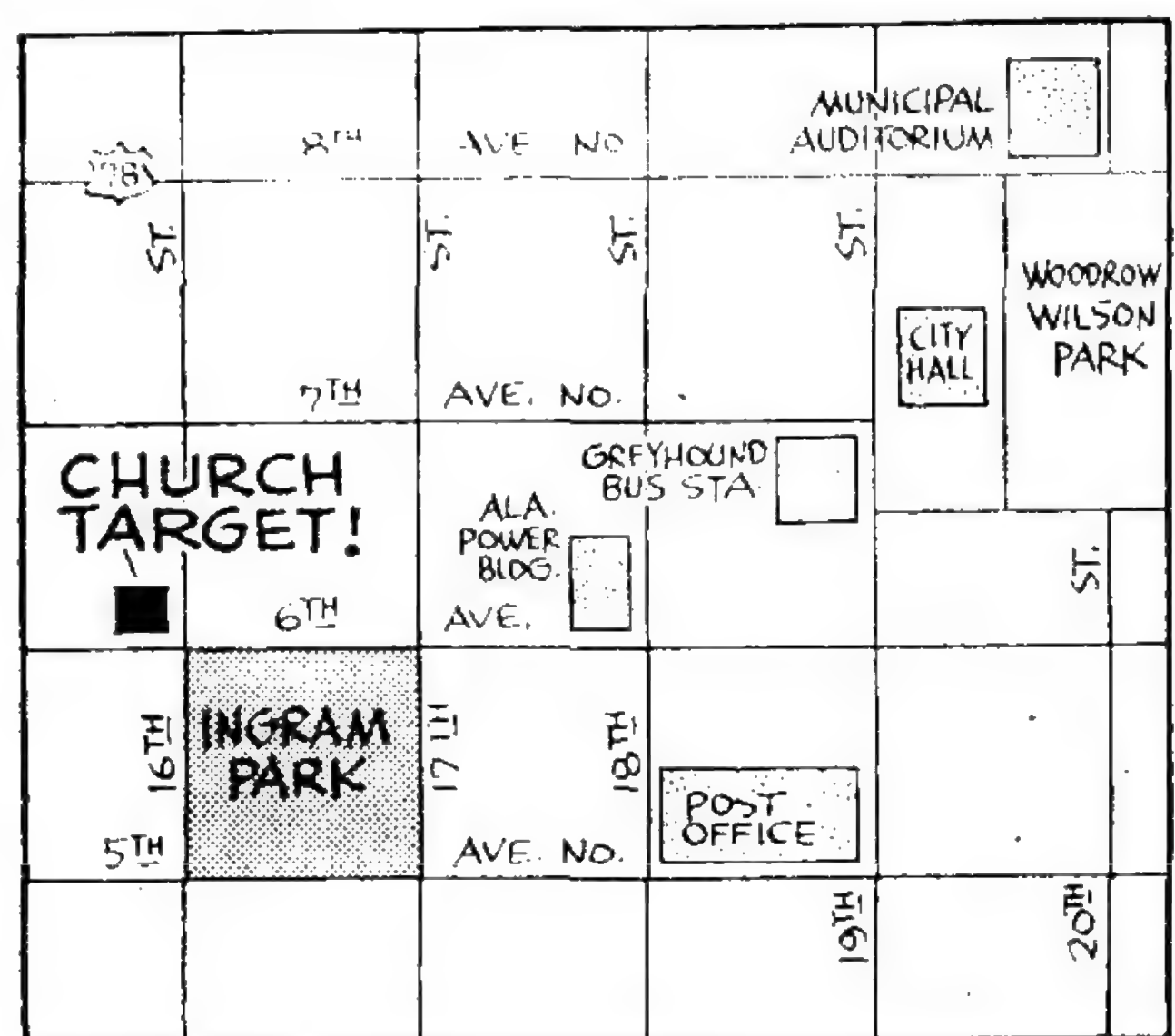
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**WORRIED BOUTWELL**—Mayor Albert Boutwell, wearing a worried expression, met in a special emergency session with members of the Birmingham City Council yesterday to discuss the dynamite bombing of a Negro church. At right is M. E. Wiggins, president of the council.



**WHERE IT HAPPENED**—The above map, drawn by Post-Herald Artist Phil Neel, shows the location of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where a dynamite blast killed four Negro girls during Sunday school services yesterday. The map shows other locations in the city.



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## Most Unspeakable Bombing

In the past, long series of dynamite bombings, Birmingham people have been able to say that at least no lives had been lost.

That no longer is true.

In yesterday's bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (Negro), the lives of four defenseless children were taken in the most unspeakable of all the outrages that has been visited upon this strife-torn city. At least 17 other people were injured.

So now murder has been added to the crimes of the bombers.

This bombing took place on holy ground—at a church while services were in progress.

Thus it is quite evident now, if it was not before, that the bombers have no compunction against offending against the laws of God. They do not hesitate to devastate a house of worship and to kill and maim the worshippers if it suits their purposes.

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SOMEHOW, in some way, these dynamiters must be captured and made to pay a high penalty.

This is not just a racial matter. It is a matter of law and order that affects all of us.

For if these bombings continue, who is safe? Your church or your home or your place of business could be blasted.

We are all in this together. We all suffer from it. We all must work for a solution.

One encouraging factor is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is working on these cases. They have an excellent record of solving even the most difficult cases.

Rewards for information concerning the bombings also have mounted to more than \$50,000 and someone with knowledge of the crimes may eventually come forward with information as a result of the amount of money offered. Governor Wallace has offered \$5000 reward from the state in this particular case.

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THE PEOPLE of Birmingham have striven to reach a solution to racial problems. But until these bombings are stopped—permanently—we will never have a full solution.

There was, apparently, some rock throwing by Negroes at police after yesterday's explosion, but at least it was ended soon though sporadic troubles continued. There also are reports of rock-throwing by Negroes at white cars during the nighttime.

These rock-throwers are going to have to be taken into custody and dealt with severely. The Negro leadership must impress upon their people that such actions will not be tolerated.

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# Uneasy Calm Returns Here

Birmingham, torn by the morning bombing of a Negro church, began to resume normal activity late last night after the fire department answered at least six calls which were all believed to have been set.

The largest blaze broke out in the Birmingham Mop Manufacturing Co., at 1114 Fifth-av. s. Chief O. N. Gallant, said first reports indicated that the fire had been set. He estimated the damage at up to \$30,000.

Three fires that erupted in vacant houses in Ensley were linked by officers with deliberate attempts to harrass the fire department.

Officials said the houses were in the process of being torn down to make room for a new highway coming through that section.

A roofing company on Finley-av. and Center-st. was almost completely destroyed after it was sprinkled with gasoline and set afire.

Another Southside fire was on Morris-av. and Center-st. A Negro youth was seen running from the building shortly before the fire was discovered, residents said. Fire Dept. officials said that a gasoline can was found in the building.

Heavily armed police and state troopers patrolled the streets in efforts to discourage any further violence.

Streets around the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church remained sealed off as Federal inspectors moved in to sift for evidence.

Scores of reports involving rock-throwing, in which one Negro teenager was shot to death by police, poured into police headquarters until early morning hours.

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# BOMB BLASTS CHURCH, KILLS 4; STATE TROOPERS RUSHED HERE

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# 19 Are Injured, Guard Is Alerted

A murderous dynamite blast killed four Negro girls and injured several persons yesterday morning at a downtown Negro church.

The blast touched off street battles and shooting. A total of 19 injuries were sustained in the blast and other incidents.

Gov. George Wallace, at the request of Birmingham city officials, rushed 300

army patrolmen to Birmingham and alerted units of the Alabama National Guard to move into the situation if necessary. Five hundred National Guard troops were standing by at Paymont Armory garbed in full battle dress.

In Washington, the Justice Dept. ordered bomb experts brought to Birmingham. Three Justice Dept. officials, Burke Marshall, Joseph Dolan and John Nolan, headed for Birmingham.

The bomb blasted the side entrance on 16th-st of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 1530 Sixth-av, n, scene of demonstrations last Spring and site of continuing mass meetings.

**Branded As Savagery**  
Meeting in emergency session, the Birmingham City Council branded the bombing as "savagery" and pledged the "total strength of the city" to capture the bombers.

Birmingham ministers called on every God-fearing citizen, regardless of race or creed, to pause for a minute of prayer at noon each day for the coming week.

Mayor Albert Boutwell, calling the bombing "an atrocity against all humanity," urged citizens to "pray and think."

A movement was underway last night by whites to raise money for rebuilding the Sixteenth-st Baptist Church with further plans to be announced.

## 22 Are Arrested

Twenty-two persons were arrested following the bombing—men and women, most on charges of failure to obey an officer and disorderly conduct. A few were arrested on charges of being

Law enforcement officers spent the night on the alert. Patrol cars ran with one city police officer and one state trooper to each car. Sheriff's deputies assisted during the night. Brick and rock throwing continued late into the night.

Schools were to open today as usual but guards were to remain on duty at the city's three de-segregated schools.

The city's religious forces only yesterday announced the successful completion of a week-long campaign to raise more than \$50,000 in a fund to be used to apprehend the bombers.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, flew into Birmingham to plead with Negroes against violence. A motorcade brought King in from the airport.

## Police Receive Aid

Negro Civil Defense workers came to the aid of Birmingham police, firemen and other officers including some from the sheriff's office and from surrounding municipalities.

Police Capt. Jack Warren credited a Negro Civil Defense captain, James E. Lay, with preventing an outbreak of violence at the church following the explosion.

"I feared for my life," said Warren, one of the first officers on the scene. "I tried to disperse the crowd with my megaphone, but was having no luck. Then the Negro Civil Defense official came up with his bullhorn."

"He set up ropes and gradually the crowds dispersed."

The blast that killed the four tore brick walls into a jagged crack, broke stained glass windows and brought hunks of plaster down on a crowd of about 200 Negroes divided into Sunday school classes.

## Crowd Gathers

Within minutes the intersection of Sixth-av, n and 16th-st was filled with hundreds of weeping, hysterical Negroes. This was the same church and intersection that were filled with Negroes during the Spring Freedom demonstrations.

Yesterday the song, "We Will Overcome," was submerged by cries of grief and hate. Dozens of survivors, their faces dripping blood from shattered stained glass windows, staggered around the building in a cloud of dust raised by the explosion, which crushed two nearby cars like toys.

Opinions differed whether the dynamite at the church was planted in advance or thrown from a passing car. City Police Inspector W. J. Haley said as many as 15 sticks of dynamite must have been used.

The explosion shattered all the windows on the east side of the building, blew out doors and demolished an outside concrete stairway. An iron rail was blasted a distance of several feet.

Two restaurants and a cleaning establishment, directly across 16th-st from the church suffered smashed windows. A rooming house on the second floor of the building housing the businesses was blasted by the explosion.

Broken glass, shattered concrete and other debris littered the street and sidewalks around the scene when police and firemen arrived. The only stained glass window in the church that remained in its frame showed Christ leading a group of little children, but the face of Christ was blown out.

The four victims, dead on arrival at University Hospital, were Denise McNair, 11, Bessemer Rd. 4, Box 524; Carol Robertson, 14, of 1021 Fifth-st, n; Cynthia Wesley, 14, of 22 11th-av, n, and Addie Collins, 14, of 233 Sixth-ct, w.

Eighteen persons, including three white people, were treated at University Hospital. Fifteen were discharged after treatment, mostly of cuts. One Negro girl was treated at Holy Family Hospital.

After all victims were removed from the wreckage, several Negroes attempted to pass police and several rounds of shots were fired over their heads. Several incidents of rock throwing were reported. Mrs. Helen Salter of 150 Brook Lane-dr. was hospitalized after she was struck by a rock on Eighth-av. She was reported in good condition. Two others were hospitalized.

Shots were exchanged by police with a Negro man about two blocks from the church. About 20 officers rushed into the area, firing into the air. The Negro disappeared among some houses.

Gov. George Wallace, at the request of Birmingham officials, alerted units of the National Guard. Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore asked Wallace to send state troopers to the city to help maintain order.

The governor served notice "on those responsible" for the bombing of a Negro church today "that every law enforcement agency of this state will be used to apprehend them."

The governor denounced the bombing as a "tragic event which has saddened all Alabamians. The perpetrators of this vicious crime must be brought to justice."

#### Speeding Car Reported

A car driving by and then speeding away just before the bomb went off was reported to police. In Montgomery, Governor Wallace said he had a similar report.

About two hours after the bombing, the 21st in the city in eight years—all unsolved—police dispersed the crowd.

Workmen with pickaxes went into the wrecked basement of the church.

The bomb apparently went off in an unoccupied basement room or under the steps and blew down the wall, sending stone and debris flying like shrapnel into a room where children were re-assembling for closing prayers.

Bibles and song books lay shredded on the floor.

Robert Green, 24, said he was driving past the church when the explosion occurred.

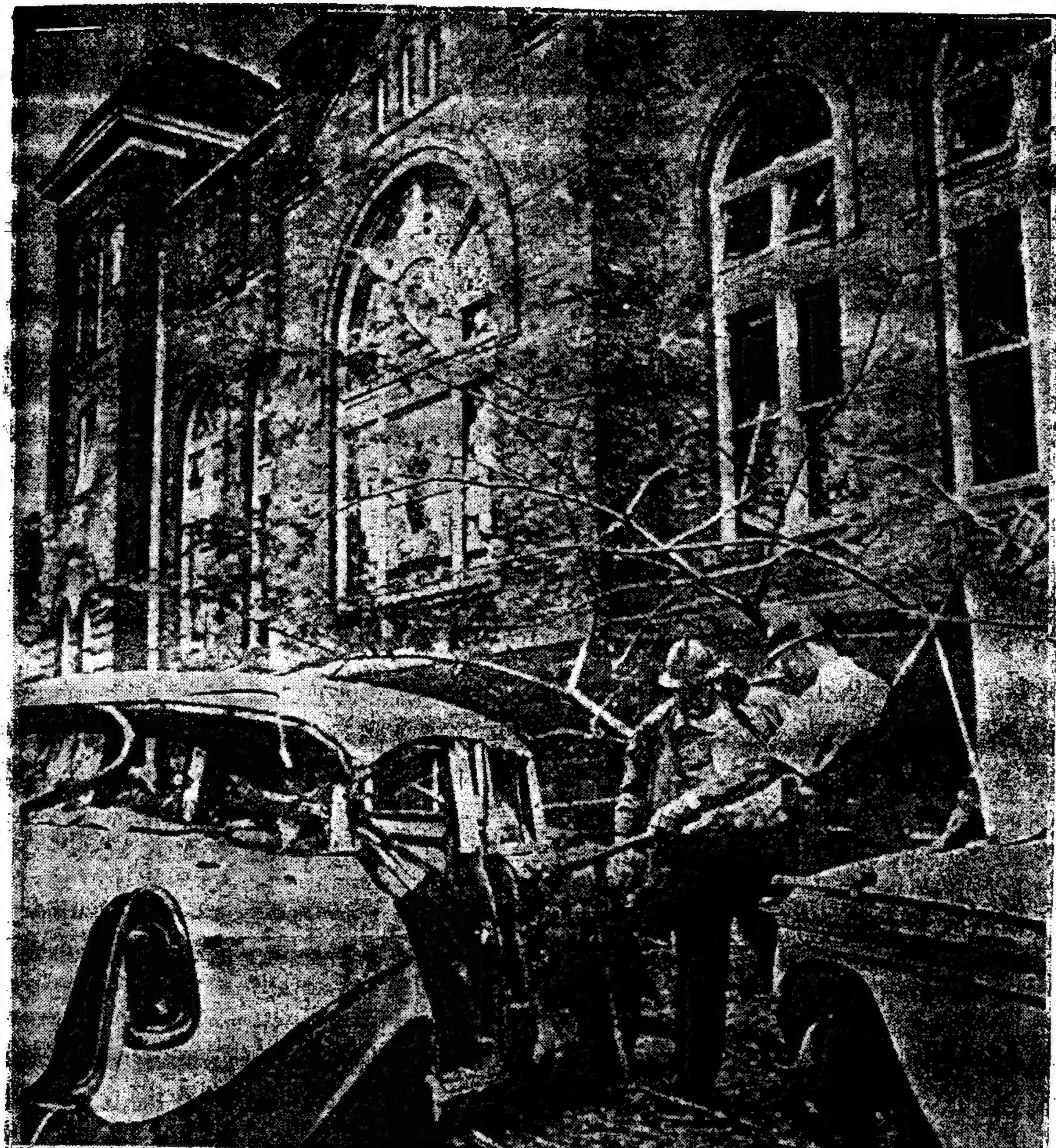
"There was a big boom and I was knocked out. Glass was flying everywhere," he said. Green said he smelled an odor which he believed to be dynamite.

Minutes after the blast, a white man with a Confederate flag flying on his car drove into the area. He was taken into custody by police.

As police struggled to hold back the crowd, the church's pastor, the Rev. John H. Cross grabbed a megaphone and walked back and forth, telling the crowd, "the police are doing everything they can. Please go home."

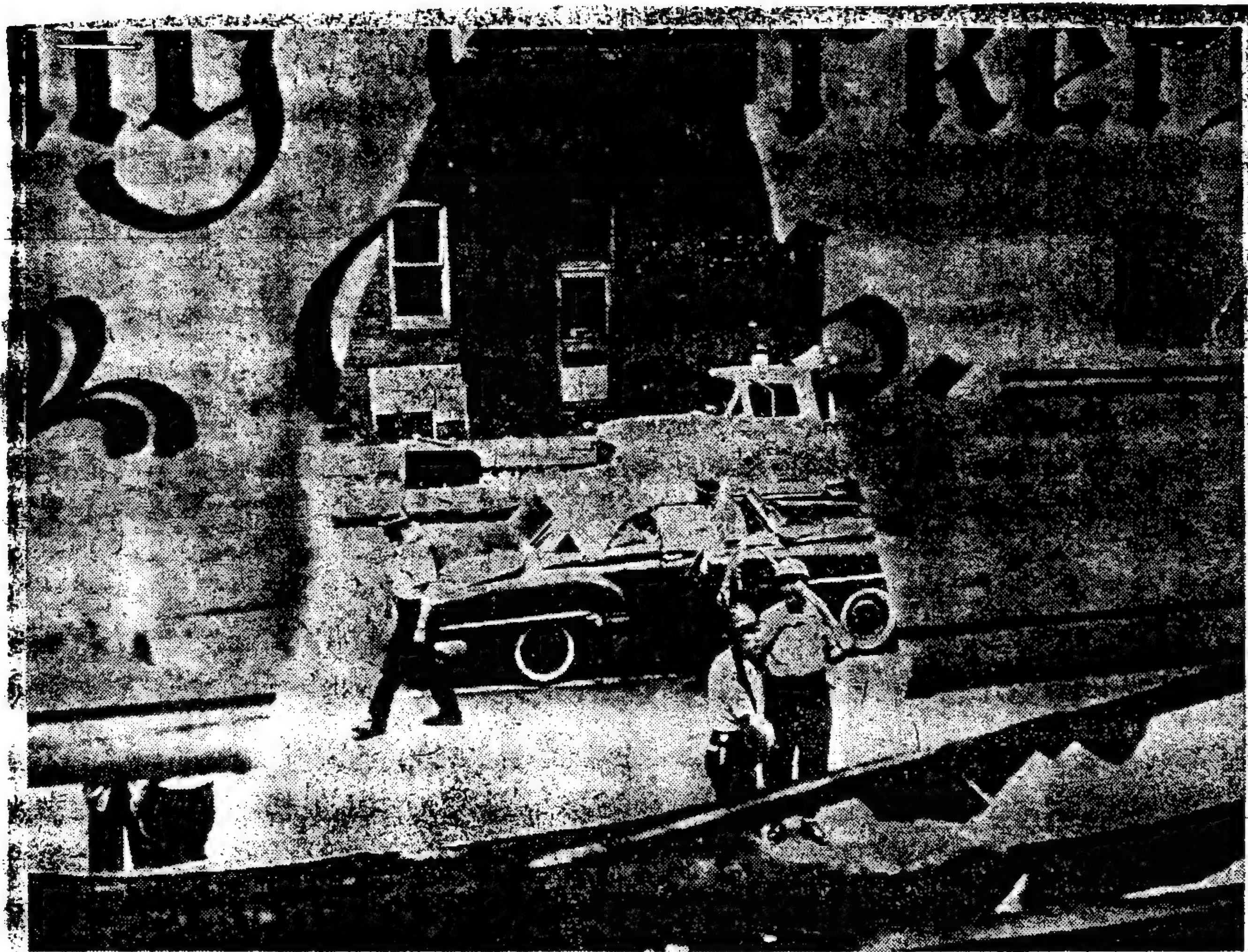
"The Lord is our shepherd," he sobbed. "We shall not wait."





**DAMAGE** — Police inspect damage to autos. Negro children at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church wrecked by dynamite blast which took lives of four (background) during Sunday School yesterday.





**ON GUARD**—Birmingham police and sheriff's office personnel stood guard outside the bombed-out 16th Street Baptist Church here, after victims and injured persons were pulled from the wreckage. Most of the stained glass and other windows of the church were smashed by the explosion. The above picture shows officers guarding the church, framed by the jagged edges of a smashed window.





**TROOPERS ARRIVE**—Some 300 Alabama Highway Patrolmen arrived in Birmingham last night to help stem rising disturbances following the bombing of a Negro church. The photograph above shows the troopers congregating on 19th-st. n. in front of the City Hall, after Gov. George Wallace ordered them into Birmingham. The state help was requested by Mayor Albert Boutwell and Police Chief Jamie Moore. An estimated 500 National Guardsmen were standing by last night at Birmingham armories, waiting to be called if needed.



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# Tragic Aftermath Of Church Blast Is Seen At Hospital

BY LILLIAN FOSCUE

A blood-stained sheet covered the slight body on the stretcher. The group of Negro men and women waiting outside the emergency room at University Hospital silently broke ranks and the body of 14-year-old Addie Mae Collins was carried away to the undertaker.

"Where's her mother?" someone asked.

Another answered, "Here she comes. She was with another daughter who was hurt. She didn't even know her daughter was dead."

Three other little Negro girls lay at the hospital, covered with plaster dust from crumbled brick that crushed out their lives.

## Getting Ready For Choir

Cynthia Wesley, 14, Denise McNair, 11, and Carol Robertson, 14, had gone to the rear of the church to get ready for a special program at the 11 a.m. service.

Denise and Addie were putting on their choir robes to sing in the youth choir. Cynthia and Carol were to be among the young people serving as ushers. The youth service was never held. Dynamite rocked the church, killing the four little girls outright and injuring others. Three persons were admitted to University Hospital. Two Negroes, Sarah Collins, 10, of 233 Sixth-st. w, sister of the Collins child who was killed, had glass in her eyes, and Sam Ziegler of 2111 11th-av, n, in injuries unknown.

Mrs. Helen Salter, 150 Brook Lane-dr, other person to be admitted, received a concussion and laceration of the ear when a rock was thrown through her car window. Mrs. Salter and her son were en route to the airport to meet Mr. Salter and were driving along Eighth-av after the explosion.

## Had Premonition

Joseph Parish, chairman of the board of trustees of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, stood outside the emergency room. Treated for a laceration of the forehead himself, he stayed at the hospital to comfort others.

The pastor, the Rev. John H. Cross, whose 4-year-old daughter was injured, said he couldn't sleep last night. "I had a premonition something was going to happen."

Orzell Billingsly Jr., attorney and member of the church, said he expected trouble Saturday night but not during a church service. "Why would anyone want to kill children?"

A white police officer at the church walked over the intersection at Sixth-av, n and 16th-st glittering with broken glass. All humor was gone from his face as he said, "If I get my hands on the person who did this, I am not sure he'd get to stand trial. I've got kids of my own. This hits home," he declared.

## Lesson On Love

Mrs. Cleveon Phillips, Sunday school teacher of two of the dead children, said bitterly, "We had just finished studying a Bible lesson about Joseph and his forgiving his enemies."

The Sunday school theme at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was "the love that forgives."

"We don't condemn the majority of the white people," said the Rev. W. A. Simmons, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. He heard the blast and went to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. At the hospital he too tried to comfort anxious relatives.

"We believe outsiders do these things, not Birmingham people," he said, but people must make a stand now."

B. H. Wilson Sr., trustee and assistant superintendent of Sunday school, said he led a group of the congregation outside. "It was terrible. People couldn't find their relatives; mothers couldn't find their children."

"The lights went out. Plaster was falling and glass breaking."

Wilson said inside the church the sound of the explosion was muffled.

Persons blocks away heard the explosion, however. M. W. Pippen, grandfather of Denise McNair, heard the blast. He arrived at the church to find his daughter, Mrs. Maxine McNair, frantically trying to find Denise. She was dead when they found her.

Pippen, owner of Social Cleaners across the street from the church, stood with his arms folded looking out of the shattered frame of the cleaners' window.

"It's up to the white people now," he said, dry-eyed. "You know how I feel. My granddaughter, who never hurt anybody, gone, and my business wrecked."

"Insurance? I got fire insur-

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ance, but I don't know about bomb insurance. I reckon I'm covered."

Denise's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Chris McNair of Rt. 4 are both school teachers. Mr. McNair is also a photographer.

Cynthia Wesley, another of the dead children, was the daughter of School Principal Claude Wesley, beginning his first year in charge at Lewis School.

Carol Robertson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Robertson of 1021 Fifth-st. n. both teachers, and granddaughter of Mrs. Sallie M. Anderson, president of the Birmingham Council of Colored PTAs and a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### **Injured Listed**

Treated and discharged at University Hospital were the following:

Milton Stollenverch, 315 10th-ct. n. small lacerations; Georgia McCarter, 65, 200 Fourth-av. s. heart condition; The Rev. J. H. Pullen, 6520 8th-av. n. depressed skull fracture; Charles Bryant, 321 Fifteenth-av. n. head injury.

Elia Demand, 70, of 807 18th-av. sw. laceration both legs; Lynn Cross, 4, of 809 Goldwire-av. sw. forehead laceration; Joseph Parish, 21, 10th-av. s. forehead laceration; Georgia Johnson, 429 Sixth-av. n. sprained ankle.

Jonathan Jones, 12, of 304 10th-av. s.; Lillian Pollard, 24, of 47 Ninth-av. n. bleeding; William Grier, 49, of 101 11th-ct. w. scalp injury; Willie Smith, 40, of 407 Seventh-st. Docena; Polly and Michael Allen of Chicago, Ill., white couple driving through Birmingham; James Blimp, 51, white, of 329 25th-st. sw.

Treated at Holy Family Catholic Hospital for shock was 15-year-old Bernardine Mathews.



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# King Arrives Here After Church Bombing

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. arrived in Birmingham last night "to plead with my people to remain non-violent in the face of this terrible provocation"—the church bombing that killed four Negro children.

King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, came here from Atlanta soon after he made the statement in a telegram sent to President Kennedy.

And in a telegram to Alabama Gov. George Wallace, he said,

"The blood of four little children . . . is on your hands. Your irresponsible and misguided actions have created in Birmingham and Alabama the atmosphere that has induced continued violence and now murder."

"I will sincerely plead with my people to remain non-violent in the face of this terrible provocation. However, I'm convinced that unless some immediate steps are taken by the Federal government to restore a sense of confidence in the protection of life, limb and property, my pleas will fall on deaf ears and we shall see in Birmingham and Alabama the worst racial holocaust this nation has ever seen."

## Will Not Suffice

"After today's tragedy, investigations alone will not suffice," King told Kennedy. "The nation and Birmingham need your commitment to use everything within your constitutional power to enforce the desegregation orders of the courts."

"Now more than ever you must call for legislation empowering the attorney general to enter cases where any civil rights violation occurs."

## More Degeneracy

"I shudder to think what our nation has become when Sunday School children are killed in church by racist bombs," he said.

He called the church bombing in Birmingham "another clear indication of the moral degeneracy of the State of Alabama and Gov. George Wallace."

His telegram to Wallace urged the governor to "change your course before it is too late. Your futile attempts to keep Alabama segregated stand weakly before a tidal wave of history. Persistence on the road you travel can only lead to further innocent blood - letting of Negroes and whites in a hopeless cause."

In an earlier statement, King said the bombing "won't defer one bit our efforts to desegregate Birmingham and the whole of Alabama."

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**WRECKED INTERIOR**—The bomb blast at the 16th Street Baptist Church here yesterday blew out most of the stained glass windows of the church. An interior view, with the windows smashed, is shown above.



**AMBULANCES**—Almost every ambulance from Negro funeral homes was called into service yesterday to carry the dead and wounded from the dynamite-bombed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. In the scene above, ambulance attendants are shown carrying victims from the building, as Birmingham police and firemen dig into the rubble, searching for injured persons.



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# Negro Police Need Is Seen By YMBC

A motion to pass a resolution expressing the club's condemnation of the bombing that killed four Negro girls Sunday was tabled yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the Young Men's Business Club. The group decided to wait to express its feelings through action rather than words.

In the debate before the vote, City Charles Morgan declared he would be no party to a resolution to help rectify Birmingham's image.

"The image of Birmingham is better than it ought to be," he declared. "What we have to do is correct our product," he said. "We are all responsible for the bombing."

Ed Harris, too, opposed a resolution. "There is nothing you can say to the parents of dead children," he said.

**Negro Police Favored**  
The discussion favored prompt action requesting the city administration to employ Negro police.

Turning its attention to politics, the club heard John Grenier, Alabama State GOP chairman, promise a minimum of four Republican congressmen elected from Alabama in 1964.

Some of Alabama's problems were attributed to a lack of a two-party system by Grenier, but he asked to speak "off the record" when he explained the Republican Party's platform on civil rights.

"Since 1940 the Republican Party has been nominating people who couldn't make up their minds what they stood for," Grenier said. Eisenhower's victory could not be construed as anything but a victory for Eisenhower, he added.

## Must Make Up Mind

"The great need of the nation is for the Republican Party to make up its mind and tell people what it stands for," the state chairman said, adding he thought this would be done in 1964, not specifically on any domestic issues, but somewhat on foreign policy.

Rockefeller, New York governor, Grenier dismissed as politically "dead." Goldwater, Republican from Arizona, Grenier said, represents the views of the Republican Party. He predicted Goldwater can carry the South, Midwest and West with an excess of 45 electoral votes in 1964.

Campaign pitch in Alabama will be, "If you want to vote against Kennedy, pull that straight Republican lever."

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# 23 Negroes Arrested

Birmingham Police arrested 19 Negroes in the area of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which was blasted by dynamite yesterday morning during church services.

Most of the arrested Negroes were charged with either being drunk or failing to obey an officer. Several of those arrested were charged with carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, or illegal possession of firearms.

Among those arrested were:

Robert James Hill, 32, 1322 23-pl, n, failing to obey the command of an officer; R. L. Peterson, 27, 1000 23-pl, n, same charge; Robert Lee Cromm, 24, 110 23-pl, n, same charge plus assault with a weapon.

James Adams, 36, 217 Third-pl, n, drunk and loitering after warnings; Mamie Lee McNeel, 61, refusing to obey the command of an officer; Will Moore, 26, 1133 11-av, n, disorderly conduct, and Henry Lacy Jr., 27, 2027 Avenue O, Ens., disorderly conduct.

Tommy Lee Griffen, 32, 1633 Seventh-av, n, drunk, refusing to obey an officer, and carrying a concealed weapon; Walter Mahood, 32, 1216 41-ct, n, refusing to obey an officer; H. L. Johnson Jr., 906 11-st, n, drunk, and Ora Mae Calahan, 30, 1034 Alice-st, disorderly conduct.

John Holaway, 39, 1501 Eighth-av, n, drunk; Elijah Williams, 41, 1408 Seventh-av, n, drunk; Joseph Ephard, 52, 1416 16th-st, n, drunk; Robert L. Jackson, 921 15th-st, n, refusing to obey an officer and drunk.

Ethel Morris, 32, 722 Sixth-alley, n, refusing to obey an officer and drunk; James Marcey, 26, 426 Fourth-ter, n, drunk and carrying a concealed weapon; Claude Hritchett, 16, 116-A Fourth-av, n, possession of fireworks, and Samuel Bryson, 23, 821 45-pl, n, illegal possession of firearms.

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## Positive Action is Vital

A day after Birmingham's most tragic bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a measure of calm has returned to the city.

The bombing is something that we shall not forget. It is deeply imbedded in the conscience of Birmingham. The news of it has been spread for all the world to know.

The question now is what next? Will there be more demonstrations, more violent words, more bombings, more deaths?

We join in a prayer with the whole community that we have seen the last of such violence, but it will take more than prayers and good intentions to bring this about. It will take positive action to see that respect for law and for order—those overworked but all-important words—prevail.

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AND HERE WE quote the words of Federal Judge Clarence W. Allgood, directed yesterday to a Federal Grand Jury called in special session. (See text in adjoining column):

"In recent weeks we have witnessed what amounts to a mockery of our laws, a mockery by those who would cut the very roots of our American system of justice; who in so doing would starve the growth of our way of life and snuff out human life with insane fury and irrationality.

"Sunday's bombing of a Negro church—a place of worship—where the lives of four children were taken—is a hideous example.

"Acts of terrorism and foolish intimidation of a peaceful people for the misguided cause of 'Southern tradition' is heresy.

"There is nothing 'traditional' in this country that says a person may murder, or intimidate or mock the judgment of the law, or curse those who have chosen to respect a law, no matter how distasteful or unpopular that law may be.

"This court is sickened by them as a court of law and ashamed as a native Alabamian."

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JUDGE ALLGOOD THEN spelled out how a system of laws evolved as mankind lifted itself from a state of savagery and then pointed out that "our great system of jurisprudence, the product of the centuries, still rests on the keystone of respect and lawful obedience—without it our society will return to savagery."

His statement should be read through by all—especially those who, in recent weeks, have been preaching defiance of the law in this state.

Already the recriminations and finger-pointing have started—the charges and counter-charges. The people responsible are adding to our troubles and the best thing to do is be quiet.

Let us keep the peace and put down all demonstrations.

And let the law-enforcement officers go completely all-out in the efforts to solve these vicious crimes.

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# Profound Sorrow Wired To Parents

## Mayor Joins Council In Message In Deaths Of Six Young Negroes

BY JAMES BENNETT

A solemn-faced City Council, meeting in special standby session at City Hall yesterday, wired its "profound sorrow" to families of six young Negroes killed during and after a mid-morning bomb blast. Councilman E. C. Overton, asking for "full knowledge" of two shootings yesterday, said the incidents needed public explanation to avoid what he called "possible misinterpretations."

"There will be questions," Overton added.

Mayor Albert Boutwell, also appearing at the council session, said the information would be available to anyone interested. He told the council such reports were "customary" when officially requested.

Moments later, a special three-man committee headed by Councilman Alan Drennen, drafted the telegram on behalf of the mayor and the council.

It read: "Writing, as we do, in profound sorrow and in Christian sincerity, we the mayor and the City Council convey to you and all your loved ones the grief we share with you."

"Each of us prays the Almighty

God that He, in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy, will comfort your hearts and strengthen your faith. We say this and pray in the name of the whole city and its people."

In other action during the hour-long session, Councilman George Seibels, chairman of the council's Public Safety Committee, urged "a careful vigil for the next several days" to prevent further bombings.

"Following the two shootings in the afternoon and early evening and except for a large fire, the situation has been relatively calm," he told the council. "There was during the night isolated instances of small gunfire, but as a

whole, I was very grateful for the absence of any show of violence."

The councilman toured the city until 3:30 a.m. yesterday conferring with police patrols and preparing his council report.

There was no recommendation for a new curfew ordinance, however, although its passage had been discussed earlier.

"It was evident that the Birmingham police and Highway patrol are working together very effectively in joint patrols," Seibels continued.

Boutwell termed police protection as "exceptionally well", adding he visited a house fire in the Western section, one of several apparently set by arsonists during the night.

### Game Postponed

Meanwhile, Parks Supt. Frank A. Wagner announced that last night's Parker and Ullman Negro High School football game had been postponed after requests for such action by school principals.

In still another development at City Hall, Councilman John Golden proposed that the bombing reward be increased to \$100,000. He suggested the additional \$50,000 be earmarked for information leading to the arrest and conviction of "these knife slashers, brick throwers and bottle wielders."

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# JK expresses outrage, grief over bombing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—(AP)—President Kennedy expressed "outrage and grief" today over the bomb killing of four Negro children in Birmingham. He said he hoped the incident would awaken the nation to "the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence."

Kennedy said if there is this "then it is not too late for all concerned to unite in steps toward peaceful progress before more lives are lost."

In a special statement, Kennedy said the United States stands for domestic justice and tranquility. He added:

"I call upon every citizen, white and Negro, North and South, to put passions and prejudices aside and join in this effort—to promote justice and tranquility."

PIERRE SALINGER, White House press secretary, said Kennedy conferred several times during the morning with Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy on the situation in Birmingham.

Salinger also reported that Kennedy had some official discussions of the Birmingham situation shortly before midnight Sunday night on his return from a long weekend in Newport, R. I.

In his statement, Kennedy said at the outset:

"I know I speak on behalf of all Americans in expressing a deep sense of outrage and grief over the killing of the children yesterday in Birmingham, Ala."

He said it is regrettable "that public disparagement of law and order has encouraged violence which has fallen on the innocent."

The President expressed hope that "these cruel and tragic events" will awaken Birmingham, the state of Alabama and the entire nation "to a realization of the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence."

Kennedy praised "the Negro leaders of Birmingham who are counseling restraint instead of violence." He said they are "bravely serving their ideals in their most difficult task—for principles of peaceful self-control are least appealing when most needed."

THE TEXT of the President's statement:

"I know I speak on behalf of all Americans in expressing a deep sense of outrage and grief over the killing of the children yesterday in Birmingham, Ala. It is regrettable that public disparagement of law and order has encouraged violence which has fallen on the innocent."

"If these cruel and tragic events can only awaken that city and state—if they can only awaken this entire nation—to a realization of the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence, then it is not too late for all concerned to unite in steps toward peaceful progress before more lives are lost."

"The Negro leaders of Birmingham

who are counseling restraint instead of violence are bravely serving their ideals in their most difficult task—for principles of peaceful self-control are least appealing when most needed."

Asst. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall has returned to Birmingham to be of assistance to community leaders and law enforcement officials—and bomb specialists of the federal bureau of investigations are there to lend every assistance in the detection of those responsible for yesterday's crime.

"This nation is committed to a course of domestic justice and tranquility—and I call upon every citizen, white and Negro, North and South, to put passions and prejudices aside and to join in this effort."

Salinger was asked if Kennedy planned to send a personal message to Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

"I have no information that he does," Salinger replied.

The press secretary also was asked whether Kennedy would respond to a telegram sent him by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro leader who urged Kennedy to take all necessary steps to protect the lives and property of Negroes.

"Those who send messages to the President will receive replies," Salinger said.

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# Among bomb's echoes,

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Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and mind and soul  
and strength  
To serve . . .

Echoes from the dreadful dynamite bombing of a house of God one week ago fill the city today.

It was quiet that Sunday. Folks rose early, dressed neatly, drove to churches over the city. Deep bell-songs filled the air. It was warm, sunny, peaceful.

Then it happened.

A BLAST BROKE the Sabbath still. Ministers in their pulpits received the word by note, by whispered message.

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church had been bombed.

Congregations sat stunned in their pews, and prayed; thronged to altars over the city, and prayed; knelt where they stood, and prayed. Some wept openly.

WITHIN HOURS, Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham executive committee met to express outrage, calling not only for prayer in churches but for a moment of silence each day at noon for a week.

The city responded. Radio and TV stations added their voice to the plea. Business firms cooperated, asking employees to pause that minute, and pray.

And Tuesday, leaders of all faiths and creeds met to discuss the tense racial situation and express sorrow and anguish over the bombing.

AMONG THIS group were:

Bishop C. C. J. Carpenter, Episcopal Bishop of Alabama; Bishop Joseph H. Durick, auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Mobile - Birmingham; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Bishop of the Methodist Church, North Alabama Conference; Bishop E. P. Murchison, Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, Christian Methodist Church; Bishop Charles Golden, Bishop of the Methodist Church, Alabama Conference; Bishop George M. Murray, bishop coadjutor, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama; Rabbi Milton Grafman, Tem-

ple Emanuel; J. T. Beale, secretary - director, Christian Churches of Alabama; The Rev. Thomas A. Edgar, Birmingham District Superintendent of the North Alabama Methodist Conference; the Rev. G. W. McMurtry, pastor of AME Zion Church (representing Bishop F. S. Anderson, presiding bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District, AME Zion Church);

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The Rev. Earl Stallings, pastor of Birmingham's First Baptist Church; the Rev. J. L. Ware, president of the Birmingham Ministers Conference and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; the Rev. John T. Porter, of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church; the Rev. Joseph Hen of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; and Dr. L. H. Pitts, president of Miles College.

THESE CHURCHMEN set in motion a coordinated move to provide financial aid to all injured during the violence here not only the bombed church's congregation, but also aid to families of the four girls killed in the blast, and those injured.

no one killed or injured in the bombing aftermath. This aid was to be given without regard to race or creed.

Bishop Murray contacted ministers to serve as trustees who would administer contributions and also attempt to coordinate all fund appeal efforts. First named trustees were Bishop C.C.J. Carpenter, Episcopal Bishop of Alabama, Dr. Denson Franklin pastor of Birmingham's First Methodist Church; Dr. John H. Lukens, pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church; and Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church and president of the Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham.

STEPS WERE THEN taken to add to the trustees a group of laymen.

Robert Fore, vice president of the Birmingham First National Bank was added. Others agreeing to join minister-trustees were: former Mayor Jimmy Morgan, Douglas Arant, Birmingham attorney; R. E. Farr, director of District 36 United Steel Workers; William Mitch, president of District 20, United Mine Workers;

Rabbi Milton Grafman of Temple Emanu-El; William H. McKenzie, vice president and cashier of Birmingham Trust National Bank; and Robert L. Schlinkert, manager of WBRC-TV.

SCHLINKERT, IN AGREEING to become a trustee said WBRC-TV had already started a fund in an effort to awaken the people of Birmingham to the need. He said funds raised by WBRC-TV would be turned over to trustees.

Bishop George Murray, who has spearheaded formation of the inter-faith group which suggested the fund, said:

"It will be suggested to the trustees when they meet Monday afternoon that the fund be known as the 'Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund.'"

BISHOP MURRAY said that the inter-faith group will further recommend that all contributions be disbursed without regard to race or creed on the following basis:

1. For hospital and burial expenses in excess of insurance paid of those killed in the bombing of the church and those injured.

2. Hospital and burial expenses for the two people killed and those seriously injured on the same day of the bombing aftermath.

3. Repairs of the bombed church in excess of funds paid by insurance companies;

4. Repair of other buildings damaged by the blast in excess of insurance.

5. Any excess when all needs are met in the judgment of the trustees will be turned over to the Disaster Fund of the American Red Cross.

BISHOP MURRAY said the Birmingham First National Bank and the Birmingham Trust National Bank have agreed to serve as depositories for funds.

"All contributions should be sent to either of the two banks," Bishop Murray said.

Donations, checks or cash, should be sent to:

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund, care of First National Bank of Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

Bishop Murray also assured contributors that their names will not be released.

AND WHAT of tomorrow? Birmingham ministers are again expected to urge congregations to pray for peace, order, and good will.

Ministers and laymen joining this appeal also seek prayers for the official City of Birmingham delegation which meets with the President at Washington Monday.

Prayers are also asked for ministers of all faiths who meet with Mr. Kennedy late Monday afternoon.

And could there be a more fitting way for men of good will here to face the days ahead than in a way proposed by Merrill's great hymn; to:

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things.  
Bring in the day of

brotherhood.

Rise up and make her great!

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# Forces Ample Here Now, U.S. Believes Army Troops Unneeded, Officials Say

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—The Federal government believes there is no legal basis at this point to put more Federal troops into Birmingham, a government source said tonight.

There already are 300 federalized troops in the racially torn city, he said. These troops, members of the Alabama National Guard federalized by presidential proclamation, are at the city armory and they would be used if the chief of police requested them, he said.

In addition, the source said, there are 450 police officers, 150 sheriff's deputies and 300 state troopers in Birmingham.

The judgment tonight was that this was enough force at this particular time, the source said. He indicated the judgment had been made on reports received from people on the scene.

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Negro leaders in Birmingham have asked that regular Army troops be sent to the city where the church bombing and shootings yesterday left six Negroes dead. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., integration leader, said a direct appeal would be made to President Kennedy for the regular Army troops.

It would take another presidential proclamation to send regular troops in. Kennedy issued a proclamation last week federalizing the Alabama National Guard. Most of them were released from Federal service later.

Troops are sent in if they are needed to maintain law and order or to see that court orders are carried out. More would be sent, the source said, if they were needed for these purposes. Negroes now are going to desegregate schools in Birmingham under court orders.

#### Tranquility Urged

Earlier, President Kennedy, expressing "a deep sense of outrage and grief" over the Birmingham church bombing, called for all Americans to put passions and prejudices aside and unite in working for domestic justice and tranquility.

He said if the bombing yesterday—which claimed the lives of four Negro children—can awaken Birmingham, Alabama and the nation to "the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence, then it is not too late for all concerned to unite in steps toward peaceful progress before more lives are lost."

In a special statement the President said of the incident:

"It is regrettable that public disparagement of law and order has encouraged violence which has fallen on the innocent."

Kennedy's statement followed quickly on denunciations in the Senate of the Birmingham bombing and a renewed call for speedy Senate action on at least part of the Administration's civil rights program.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy postponed until Wednesday two

speeches he was scheduled to deliver in Philadelphia today in order to remain in close contact with the Birmingham situation.

#### Justice Urged

President Kennedy noted that Justice Dept. aides plus Federal Bureau of Investigation bomb experts had been sent to Birmingham yesterday to assist state and local authorities. He added:

"This nation is committed to a course of domestic justice and tranquility—and I call upon every citizen, white and Negro, North and South, to put passions and prejudices aside and join in this effort."

The President made no direct mention of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace in his statement. In answer to questions, White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said he had no information whether Kennedy planned to send a personal message to Wallace.

The President had special praise for Birmingham's Negro leaders. He said those leaders "who are counseling restraint instead of violence are bravely serving their ideals in their most difficult task — for principles of peaceful self-control are least appealing when most needed."

#### Senators Lash Out

In the Senate, Republican Jacob K. Javits of New York said one of the lessons to be learned from the bombing is that "delay in civil rights legislation clearly cannot be justified if we can avoid it."

Other senators lashed out at the bombing. Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana called it "reprehensible and outrageous." Asst. Republican Leader Thomas H. Kuchel of California called it "a crime against all the American people."

Javits' renewed call for Senate action drew no immediate response from Mansfield. The majority leader has said he plans to wait for the House to act on President Kennedy's civil rights program before bringing it up in the Senate where Southern senators are expected to filibuster against the program.

Javits has been urging immediate Senate consideration of at least that part of the program which would ban racial discrimination in public accommodations such as hotels and restaurants.

Javits said that Wallace, by "encouraging disrespect for law" was at least partially to blame for the bombing.

Kuchel did not mention Wallace by name, but declared that "elected leaders have a responsibility to lead" and added that "when they are bad leaders, when they flaunt the law, people are inclined to flaunt the law, too."

Mansfield said the church bombing "does not represent by any means the feeling of the great majority of the people of Birmingham, of Alabama, and of the United States."

He also said that, despite some reports "about lack of FBI interest in cases of this kind, I have no doubt that J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI agents will do everything in their power to help solve the bombing. Hoover is FBI director."

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# Bomb Clues Hunted In Church Debris;

## Troopers, City Police Ring Area

### Negroes Plan 'Direct' Appeal To Kennedy

A fire bomb was tossed from a speeding car last night at 12:30 a.m. at a store in the predominantly Negro section on Sixth av and Beta Street but failed to explode, police said. The home-made bomb hit the sidewalk in front of the store but it failed to burst. Police reported that it was filled with gasoline.

BY LILLIAN FOSCUE

City police and bombing experts brought in by the Justice Dept. yesterday sifted debris at the partially demolished Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, searching for some clue to the Sunday bombing.

Police and State Troopers stood guard around the church where Sunday four little Negro girls lost their lives in a bombing that injured several more and touched off a night of sporadic street fights between Negroes and law enforcement officers.

A special session of the Federal Grand Jury was called with orders to indict anyone who interfered with court-ordered school integration of Birmingham schools.

#### Negro Leaders

Negro leaders, following a meeting of 150 Negro and white citizens, announced through the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. of Atlanta, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a "direct" appeal would be made immediately to President Kennedy.

Negroes want President Kennedy to send regular Army troops to Birmingham to "take over the city."

They called for removal of 300 state troopers, whom they called "head beaters," sent in at the request of local authorities to help preserve order.

The Negroes expressed dissatisfaction with the city government and with progress in increased employment opportunities for Negroes. The group will prepare to resume its boycott of downtown stores on Oct. 1 if stores do not

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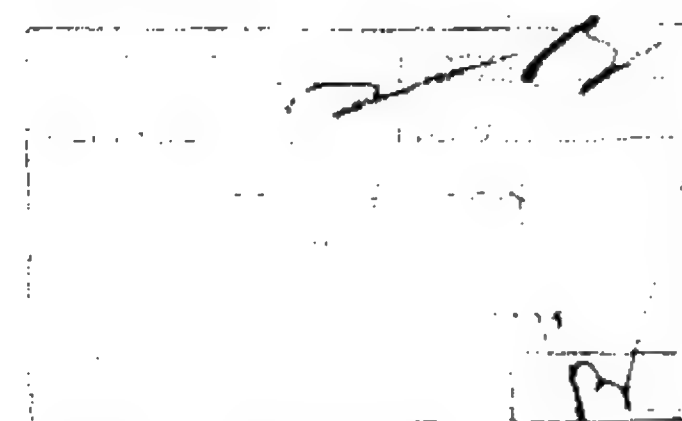
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make more progress to carry out Spring's agreement to hire Negro clerks, they said.

**Been Instructed**  
The Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, pastor of a Cincinnati church and head of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, said lawyers have been instructed to go into court and seek transfers for 120 Negro students who applied to attend white schools this fall.

He said of 125 who applied, only five were allowed to transfer to white schools by the Birmingham Board of Education.

Demonstrators against school desegregation stayed off Birmingham streets and away from integrated schools, but students stayed away from classes in increasing numbers.

A 16-year-old white high school pupil, Dennis Earl Robertson, remained in critical condition at Curraway Methodist Hospital after he was hit on the head by a brick Sunday night.

A Negro youth, Oliver Williams, 16, of 1520 20th-st, Ensley, was shot in the left arm by a white man yesterday, police said.

#### Task Force

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at St. John's AME Church, today for one of the four children who died at the church, Carol Robertson. Arrangements for the other three are incomplete.

In Washington, after his administration had sent a task force of civil rights and law enforcement experts to Birmingham, Kennedy issued a statement saying he hoped the bombing would awaken the nation to "the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence."

A government source said the federal government believed there was no legal basis at this point to put more federal troops into Birmingham.

While the search for clues to the bombing went on, Sheriff Mel Bailey said investigators have little to go on. A Justice Department task force of 25 FBI agents, headed by Burke Marshall, assistant U. S. attorney general for civil rights, moved into the city. Standing by were more than 100 state and local police and federalized National Guardsmen, ready in case new violence flares.

**First Witness**  
Among the first witnesses expected to be called before the special Federal Grand Jury was Birmingham School Supt. Theo Wright. Also waiting as a possible witness was Dr. Edward Fields, public information director for the National States Rights Party group that has demonstrated vigorously at desegregated schools here. Fields, who said he has sent his wife and children out of the city because of threats, said the bombing "is the most horrible thing that could have happened at this time."

In his 30-minute brief to the Grand Jury, Judge Allgood said, "This court is sickened by them (those who resort to bombing) as a court of law, and ashamed as a native Alabamian."

Judge Allgood said, "In recent weeks we have witnessed what amounts to mockery of our laws, a mockery by those who would cut the very roots of our American system of justice; who in so doing would starve the growth of our way of life, and snuff out human life with insane fury and irrationality."

The judge said that "mankind will take a step backward" if irresponsible agitation is allowed to continue.

Shortly after church bells rang at noon yesterday in protest to the church bombing, Dr. King and other Negro leaders announced plans for a mass meeting last night at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church.

King and four other Negro leaders at a press conference at the Gaston Motel attacked alleged police brutality in Birmingham through the years.

"I am still convinced that non-violence is our most potent weapon," King said. "We must meet physical force with soul-force."

#### Inviting Terror

Asked about Wallace's role in the present Birmingham racial crisis, King said "murders of yesterday stand as blood on the hands of Gov. Wallace."

Described by King as a second-

ary participant in the week-end tragedy, Wallace has created an atmosphere through his action and words inviting terror, lawlessness and violence.

Negro leaders agreed the Birmingham Negro community was "tired now, tireder than ever before." They said they feared they might not be able to control the Negro community much longer "unless something is done to stop bombings"—at least 28 in the last five years with not a single person apprehended.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy of Atlanta, an officer in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said it was now not a question of "who killed these children, but what killed them. We have all agreed it was segregation."

King and the other Negro leaders called for a national period of mourning for the four girls killed in the church explosion and the start of a nationwide fund to rebuild churches damaged by bombings.



**KING BLOCKED**—Dr. Martin Luther King, his brother, the Rev. A. D. W. King, and others stop at a barricade of State Troopers at the corner of Kelly Ingram Park across from the bombed church. At right is the Birmingham Police Crime Laboratory. Inside the church, experts were patiently sifting every piece of debris searching for a lead to the brutal slayers.

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# FBI Combs Area Here

## Lab Experts Work All Night

Ray Faisst, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office, said yesterday that the FBI is giving a "methodical search" to the area of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, which was bombed Sunday.

He said that two FBI lab experts were flown in from Washington, and along with other agents, they worked all Sunday night under "portable lights."

He said that there were 10 or 12 agents at the Church area yesterday "combing it foot by foot."

Faisst said that work yesterday was inside the building and that it is "precarious due to the structural weakness caused by the bomb."

On the scene also are fire inspectors of the city and building inspectors.

Faisst said the inspectors are trying to reconstruct the scene the way it was before the bomb went off.

He said a search of this nature "must be done by experts."

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**SIFTING CLUES**—Bomb experts of the Justice Dept. search powdered plaster and splintered beams at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church hunting for a clue that might lead to the person or persons responsible for the bombing death of four girls at Sunday school.



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Had No Authority—

# FBI Blamed Unjustly For Not Solving Bombings

BY GENE WORTSMAN  
Post-Herald Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under attack for not solving the Birmingham bombings, appears to be getting blame that should go elsewhere.

Although there have been 28 bombings in eight years, the FBI had little authority to investigate before 1960.

And it was not until this year that it actually stepped in to help try and solve the crimes.

Before 1960, the responsibility for solving bombings lay entirely with local law enforcement agencies. That is where the primary job remains today.

But in 1960, Congress amended the Civil Rights Act of 1957 to allow the FBI to investigate bombings under certain conditions. Where an explosive is used, the law now permits an assumption that this explosive was carried across state lines. Under that interpretation, the FBI can participate in investigations and arrests.

## First Put To Use

The first time they put this law to use in Birmingham was with the bombing of the home of the Rev. Martin Luther King's brother, again when the Gaston Motel was bombed, and again on the second bombing of the home of Negro lawyer Arthur Shores.

To aid in the investigation of the church bombing Sunday, the FBI sent in 20 agents plus three laboratory experts.

In addition, the Birmingham FBI office has between 30 and 40 agents in the area who can be used, and it is understood that some of them are so employed now.

The FBI has offered all of its facilities to local police. It has offered to help run down any leads but so far none of these—if there have been any—have been given to the FBI.

In the meantime, agents are running down their own leads—some of which have developed yet—and are sifting debris at the scene.

## Citizen's Aid Asked

They have called upon citizens to tell them of anything which may be helpful.

For instance, if dynamite was used, there had to be a fuse cap and a detonator. Where did they come from? Were they stolen or bought and does anyone know of any sales or thefts of such items?

The bomber or bombers probably arrived in a car. Was it one of their own or a stolen car?

Have any of the participants done a little boasting?

Anyone turning over such information would be guaranteed by the FBI that their identity would not be revealed.

Although bombings and arson are difficult to solve, the FBI has solved some cases. It produced defendants in two church arson cases in Georgia and defendants in the bombing of a bus in Anniston during the freedom rides of 1961.

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# The Shock And Shame

Not one word or a million makes up for death of four innocent children in the Sunday School bombing yesterday morning. Not one or a million could.

Death is a shocking, final reality in the midst of far too many words.

Police have worked almost to the limit of human endurance; they necessarily continue, and will. Federal authorities are assisting. It is yet possible, despite the host of unsolved bombings, that what must be a small band of men will be arrested and tried for what must be called outright murder wholly premeditated and carried out.

The Negro community has affronted the white community in past weeks with open, law-violating street demonstrations—seeking their ends outside the courts which alone can bring them their goals.

But Negroes of Birmingham have a hard right to ask why bombings of the past have not been solved, for it is their flesh and blood, their property which has been the target of dynamite planters.

Every white man certainly should be asking himself how he would feel if for years the unidentified had made his wife, his children, his home, his church, the object of such hatred.

Respectable Birmingham Negroes have a right in law to seek redress of claimed wrongs, just as respectable Birmingham whites have the privilege of resisting what they think to be unlawful or in error—in the courts.

And it is this condition of contest with which our people must learn to live without allowing anyone, white or Negro, to resort to violence—be it the extreme of dynamiting a house of God when occupied, or the always dangerously provocative menace of Negroes throwing rocks at innocent whites or, more brainless, at police

who earnestly try to protect human life.

That, indeed, is our major problem—learning to live with the condition in which American citizens of one race seek what they believe to be a necessary correction while citizens of another race naturally enough try to cling to what they have always known.

That is the human problem, from both "sides." But despite this continuing struggle neither race can hope for any peace, any mutual understanding so necessary over coming years and decades, unless law is the umbrella sheltering us all.

It comes down to law—no matter how slowly law may move, as seen by Negroes, no matter how resentful any whites at a final judgment of courts.

Fail to honor law, fail to use it and it alone in this all-enveloping contest, and disaster strikes us all—as yesterday morning it struck into every home in this city of really fine people, white and Negro.

Counsel offered by leaders of both races is sound: Calmness despite provocations; a superior human patience in midst of individual or community grief; a reliance on proper authority and an hour-to-hour compliance with the requests of men of law, from judges down to the individual uniformed officer.

The man or woman who deliberately seeks now to bring restiveness, who says one word intended to excite emotions of white or Negro, will be marked by all who know that out of our trouble we yet must work ahead for sanity.

May God grant us a strength of leadership, and a wisdom we have yet to attain. Beyond this prayer nothing now makes much sense.

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# WORSHIPERS PRAY, WEEP AT NEWS OF CHURCH BOMBING

BY CLAUDE KEATHLEY

News religion editor

"Thou shalt not kill," the commandment given by God to mankind through Moses, rang Sunday in Churches throughout the greater Birmingham area.

Word reached ministers shortly before morning services began or by way of notes passed to the minister in the pulpit.

The message: "The Negro Sixteenth Street Baptist Church has been bombed and first reports are that four have been killed."

Heartsick, ministers of all faiths informed their congregations of the tragedy and called them to prayer.

At First Methodist Church, one of the downtown churches closest to the bombed church, Dr. Denson Franklin said:

"THIS IS AN AGE of rebellion. We have lost respect for authority, and we try to solve our problems with violence and lawlessness.

We need to get off the streets, both whites and blacks.

No matter what our convictions may be concerning the issues of the day, we cannot condone violence and bloodshed.

"A church has been bombed. At the time of this service, we do not know the exact extent of the damage, but little children were hurt.

"We cannot remain silent in the face of this terrible tragedy. We must speak out against it.

"Violence and hate cannot abide in the heart filled with Christian love.

"May God have mercy on our city and on every one of us."

Dr. Franklin did not preach Sunday night. The congregation sang a hymn and then quietly came to the altar to pray. They were urged to go home in continued prayer.

IN OTHER churches, congregations were visibly shaken by the news. In many instances, ministers reported their people remained after the morning service at the altar in prayer.

Dr. John Bob Riddle, pastor of the Central Park Baptist Church, told his congregation:

"This could happen to any church in this city. I appeal to all for reason and common sense in the problem we face. Satanic forces caused the bombing this morning and such acts are causing illwill and hate."

Dr. Riddle called on his people to do the will of God in restoring peace to our city.

At West End Methodist, Dr. O. S. Gamble told his congregation about the tragedy. He asked the congregation to come to the altar and pray. He said worshipers wept as they made their way to the altar.

Dr. N. C. McCrummen of the Woodlawn Baptist Church told his congregation:

"I regret to say this is the saddest day I have spent in Birmingham. The whole city should be mourning because of this cowardly and dastardly bombing."

THE REV. J. C. Draper Jr. at the Beverly Methodist Church told his congregation:

"The victims of the bombings were offered on the altar of prejudice and hate. We must

be a people of love as God is love."

At East Lake Methodist Church, the Rev. Woodfin Grove told his evening congregation:

"The Christian people of the churches of Birmingham, even at this late date, can create a climate of mutual trust that can form a bridge over which the entire city can move to new understanding and cooperation. I ask you young people to either go straight to school or stay at home tomorrow."

Dr. Dotson Nelson, of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, told his congregation, "My heart is broken that such has happened in our city. I hope you will express compassion and concern and pray that we might recapture the spirit on which our community can continue to exist."

"It is the saddest day I have experienced in the over 10 years I have been in the Greater Birmingham area," said the Rev. Edgar M. Arendall to his congregation at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church. He called for his people to use their influence in their actions and attitudes to help solve the problems Birmingham faces.

"Inhuman—brutal—dastardly"—these were the comments of many other ministers called

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# 10 sticks of dynamite four dead children



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**GRANDFATHER SOBS: HE LOST  
LOVED ONE**

**ONE OF MANY INJURED RECEIVES  
TREATMENT**

Tragedy of explosion struck many  
hearts

Fifteen taken to hospital

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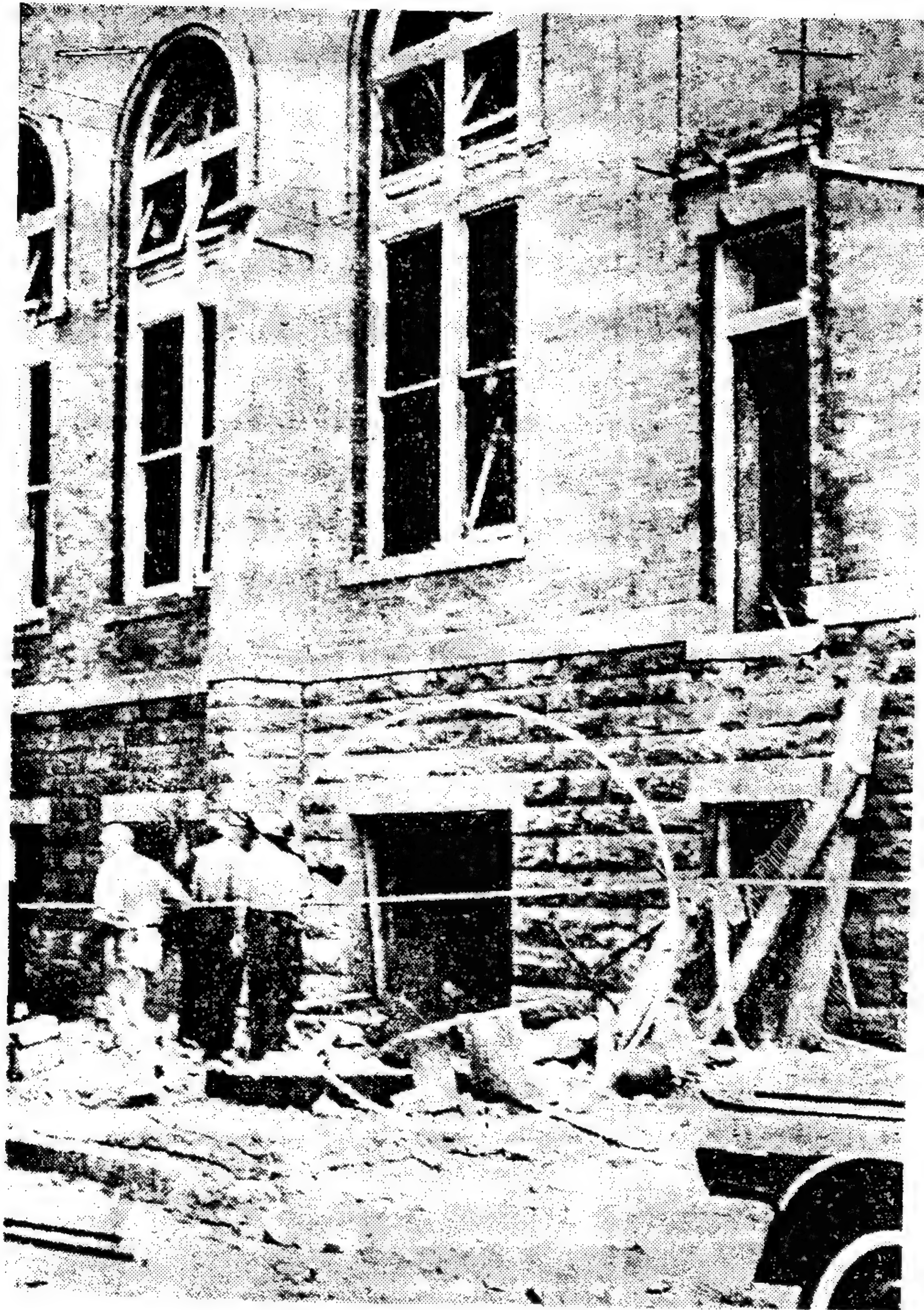
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TREMENDOUS BLAST DESTROYED STEPS LEADING INTO BUILDING  
... Circle shows area where dynamite went off

News staff photo—Roy Carter





News staff photo—Tom Self

**FOUR BODIES FOUND HERE IN RUBBLE OF SHATTERED BASEMENT**  
Firemen check windows during search for clues after blast





News staff photo—Tom Self

**PHONE WASN'T KNOCKED OUT BY POWERFUL BOMB EXPLOSION**  
Man makes urgent call during minutes after church struck





News staff photo—Anthony Falletta  
**OFFICER WITH BAYONET HELPS MAINTAIN ORDER**  
Police rushed to scene of church blast





SHROOMING EXPLOSION SHATTERED CARS, STRUCK BUILDINGS  
... Photograph shows damage caused across street from church

News staff photo—Tom Self

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# THIS TIME THERE WAS NO PHONE THREAT, WARNING

BY JOE CAMPBELL AND  
JIMMY BRYAN

News staff writers

Sunday, Sept. 8, two warnings came to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church—where Negroes have worshipped for 90 years.

The telephone rang. A voice said, "This church is going to be blown up."

Threats . . . thankfully, nothing else. Such words are pitifully common in Birmingham.

SUNDAY, Sept. 15, there is no warning. No threat.

The chilly, gray morning is calm.

Men, women and children file into Sunday School. Attendance was good, about 200.

Cynthia Wesley, 14, is there, wearing a pretty dress. So are Carol Robertson, 16, Addie Mae Collins, 14, and Denise McNair, 11.

The plain, round clock in the sanctuary moves to 10:22 a.m. This is its last record of time.

FOR AT THAT moment, 10 to 15 sticks of dynamite erupted beside the basement wall of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

No warning . . . no hoax.

Cynthia, Carol, Addie Mae and Denise die in the horror and heave of bricks, wood and glass. Cynthia is a headless body, identified by her ring and dress.

A Sunday School teacher says some children were buried beneath the rubble and pulled out.

Willie Green, church janitor, saw the explosion.

He had dusted the pews for church, drunk a cup of coffee across the street and started back when . . .

A LOUD EXPLOSION went off.

"Bricks and rocks were flying everywhere, all round me. I didn't know what to do."

Then folks started running out everywhere, hurt and bleeding, mostly children.

"Everybody was coming out of the church hollering and crying."

H. D. Coke, member of the church board of trustees, arrives within minutes to find scores of frightened children.

"BUT I HEARD no crying," he says.

An automatic rifle spits out a burst about three blocks away. Police say Negroes in an alley are running out, shooting and running back.

Pleading over loudspeakers, Negro Civil Defense workers push back crowds of their people at 16th Street and Seventh Avenue.

"We're a non-violent people!" they shout.

The cries blaze back from the masses: "If they didn't have those machine guns, you'd see how non-violent we are!"

BRICKS FLY THROUGH the tense, dusty air and hit the street with a deadly smack.

Helmeted police fire volleys over the heads of the surging Negroes.

Other numbers of Negroes start singing: "We're not afraid, we're not afraid."

Cars in the general area are being overturned and dented with rocks.

Screaming ambulances move in, then out with the dead and injured.

The church and nearby buildings are in shambles.

The basement wall on the 16th Street side is torn by a yawning hole. Just inside, a women's lounge is demolished.

Giant stained glass windows—16-by-23-feet—are shattered.

One of the windows depicts Christ leading a group of children. Christ's head is blown away. The body remains.

A skylight has fallen directly on the pulpit.

Stairs leading from the sanctuary to the basement are splintered. The bannister, torn loose, looks like a picket fence.

Across 16th Street, the buildings are without windows. Faces peer down from the spaces . . . curious, worried, angry.

DOZENS OF CARS are smashed and shattered. They were parked nearby.

Damaged businesses include Social Cleaners, Jockey Boy Restaurant, Liberty Contracting Co. and Silver Sands Restaurant.

This, then, is the scene near downtown at church time on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Services are beginning in Birmingham, known as a city of churches.

But at Sixth Avenue and 16th Street church, won't be held.

"The Rock That Will Not Roll," won't be preached.

The Sunday school lesson, "The Love That Forgives," will go unfinished.

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# City leaders express grief, shock over church bombing

Expressing grief and shock over the Sunday church bombing which claimed the lives of four Negro children, Birmingham area business, civic and political leaders today called for an end to violence here.

They said the bombers must be caught and "brought to the bar of justice."

## THE STATEMENTS follow:

W. Cooper Green, vice president of Alabama Power Co. and former mayor of Birmingham: "I am deeply grieved over this tragic bombing of a Birmingham church and the deaths and injuries brought by it. This is a most horrible thing to have happen in our city. This is a time for all the people of this community to work together to establish and maintain a necessary peace. The bombers must be found, arrested and prosecuted."

Rep. Holt Rast, chairman, Jefferson County legislative delegation: "Violence must be stopped. It is imperative that all agencies of city and state continue to work together in order to apprehend those responsible. The governor is to be commended for making available state forces to work with local authorities in maintaining law and order, in aiding to find those guilty of these outrageous bombings. Efforts are being made to establish a private school system. The Legislature stands ready to aid in this program when methods can worked out. In the meantime, children and parents must remain orderly and must maintain a respect for law and order."

William M. Spencer III, presi-

dent of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, said such violence "destroys the good names of all people of this area and the future of all our children."

"It's hurt every single citizen of this area—black, white," Spencer said.

"ANYBODY WHO has two grains of sense to rattle around deplores this sort of thing," commented Spencer. "This is the very kind of thing that plays right into the hands of those who are trying to push civil rights legislation through the Congress."

"The average citizen of this area should realize how much it hurts them. It has had a very adverse affect on us nationally, because the very people we are fighting to get to come in here and give all our people jobs are just not coming here."

"How can we, in all good conscience, ask people to come in here and give our people jobs and risk their money with the kind of situation we have here? This is the absolute opposite of the belief in life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

W. D. Kendrick, president, Jefferson County Commission: "My comment would be personal. It (bombing) is a terrible thing to happen to the city of Birmingham, or anywhere else as far as that goes, particularly since it involved the lives of innocent children. I regret it very much. I think everyone does."

ARTHUR J. HANES, former mayor of Birmingham: "We're all deeply grieved and shocked that such a tragedy could occur in Birmingham. The untimely death of innocent children is a sad

pall over Birmingham. This latest bombing is the most dastardly in a series designed by a conspiracy dedicated to the idea of destroying a great and proud city. Regardless of motivation this practice of anarchy must be stopped—and now. The good people of Birmingham of all races do not deserve the results of recent events, and I call on all people of all races to lend their best efforts in aiding law enforcement agencies and bringing to the bar of justice those responsible for this reprehensible deed. Birmingham is a great city of great people and there is room for all to live and work together. A way must be found."

Sidney W. Smyer, real estate man and former president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce: "How shocking and tragic it is to a community when innocent children are killed. People must realize that if they desire a community where they can be gainfully employed and enjoy the other rights of normal citizens that there cannot be incidents like those happening in recent days."

Caldwell Marks, businessman and chairman of the Committee of 100: "I think it was a very unfortunate thing . . . and a very tragic thing. Everything else has been said that could be said . . . it."

J. W. Davis, president, Trussville Chamber of Commerce: "It's a terrible thing. It shouldn't be tolerated and it's the duty of every citizen to see that it is stopped."

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A growing task force of angry officers, including FBI bomb experts, today sifted slim clues in the ruthless blasting of a Negro church that murdered four young worshippers.

"We have practically nothing to work on," said Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey. "We're not even positive it was dynamite, except for the odor."

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The tearing explosion with the estimated force of 10 sticks of dynamite injured 15 of the estimated 200 persons inside the church.

The 200 experts were at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church this morning, sifting through the debris of the explosion which shattered its basement as Sunday School classes were ending.

IN WASHINGTON, President Kennedy expressed "outrage and grief" over the bombing deaths. He said he hoped the incident would awaken the nation to "the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence."

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy canceled a scheduled speech in Philadelphia to stay in his office and in close touch with his aides in Birmingham.

COL. AL LINGO headed a 300-man force of state troopers who joined Birmingham police and sheriff's deputies in patrolling and in maintaining order at three formerly all-white schools which were integrated last week. They were invited here by Mayor Albert Boutwell.

Three hundred federalized National Guardsmen remained on the alert at two local armories, where they have been stationed since last Tuesday.

But civil rights organizations applied mounting pressure on

Negro leaders called for dispatch of Regular Army troops to Birmingham in the wake of the bombings and shootings. Dr. King said the decision to appeal directly to the President for the soldiers was made after a meeting of nearly 200 Negroes and white representatives here.

The group also requested immediate removal of state troopers.

CITIZENS OF Birmingham reacted to the news of the tragedy with grief and prayers. Church bells tolled at noon today, signaling a city-wide minute of prayer.

Members of the First Methodist Church, nearest white church to the bombed house of worship, wept as their pastor announced the news of the bombing. Five hundred members of the West End Methodist Church streamed to the altar and knelt in prayer the good, God-fearing people of Birmingham—until the insane murderer or murderers of those children are brought to the bar of justice."

ALLGOOD WENT ON TO SAY: "Such action, in the opinion of this court, threatens to overthrow the principle of law and order long considered self-evident, mirroring the invitation of their pastor, Dr. O. S. Gamble.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT task force headed by Burke Marshall, assistant U. S. attorney general for civil rights, and including a large number of FBI agents arrived in Birmingham after the bombing.

They acted under a 1960 civil rights act which makes it a federal offense to transport explosives across state lines for illegal purposes. The law permits federal agents to take part in investigations under the presumption that explosives used were transported across state lines. If it is determined this was not the case, the federal authorities withdraw from the case, turning over information they have gathered to local agencies.

The FBI already was participating in the investigations of the earlier bombings of the homes of the Rev. A. D. King and Atty. Arthur R. Shroes, and the Gaston Motel.

The latest attacks brought the total of bombings in Birmingham since 1947 to 41.

No fatalities had resulted in any of the bombings until the giant blast that shook the Sixteenth Street church. But law enforcement officers and civic leaders had realized the city was living on borrowed time.

TWO YOUNG NEGROES were shot to death after the bombing, one by police and the other reportedly by two white boys who were riding a motorbike.

Officers said James Robinson, 16, 22 28th St., North, was struck by buckshot when police fired at the feet of young Negroes in an attempt to halt them.

Thirteen-year-old Virgil Ware of Sandusky was shot and killed by two young white boys, according to witnesses.

Twenty-three Negroes were arrested in the area of the Sixteenth Street church after the bombing. Most were charged

either with being drunk or refusing to obey an officer.

The bombing victims were Cynthia Wesley, 14, hit by the full force of the blast and identified by clothing and a ring; Carol Robertson and Addie Mae Collins, 14, and Denice McNair, 11.

They apparently were in the church lounge in the basement when the bomb exploded under a stair outside the building on its eastern side.

A NIGHT of sporadic violence, with gunfire cracking in various sections and fires breaking out, followed the explosion.

The first major fire came shortly after nightfall when a building blazed on Avenue Q and 22nd Street in Ensley.

The blaze reportedly was caused by a thrown bottle of gasoline, as was another fire at a store at Eighth Avenue and Fifth Street, North. A guard inside the second store extinguished the flames.

Another big blaze was reported at Ensley Roofing Co., 1111 Finley Ave. Firemen brought the fire under control before it spread to a nearby service station.

A fire bomb made out of a wine bottle with gasoline and a burning cloth wick set fire to the home of Eugene Patterson, 51 Center St., when it landed on the roof.

A neighbor told police she saw a Negro man get out of a car and walk to the gate of the yard, then return to the car and drive away. She said she saw the fire about three minutes later. The witness said that after she noticed the flames she saw someone running away from the house behind a hedge but could not tell whether the person was white or Negro.

OFFICERS IN CAR 57 reportedly were shot at from behind the service station while at the Finley Avenue fire. Rifle shots also were reported in the vicinity of the church where integrationist leader Fred L. Shuttlesworth formerly served as pastor.

Police were kept on the run for hours investigating reports of rock throwing and other minor violence.

Two of the girls killed in the explosion were on the Youth Board of Ushers. Addie Mae and Denice were to have sung in the youth choir at the worship service.

The explosion ripped a gaping hole in the wall of the church. About 200 worshippers were in the building and about 80 were in the basement.

Cars parked outside and business buildings across the street were either wrecked or damaged. Chunks of concrete, twisted metal and shattered glass littered the street and sidewalk.

Police roped off the area to hold back the growing crowd of stunned, angry Negroes.

A Negro bystander, former professional boxer Andrew Anderson, commented: "It's just making hate. This town is gone now. I know it's gone."

MAYOR BOUTWELL wept when he learned of the bombing.

"I never could conceive that anyone existed with such universal malice," he said. "I fear the situation will become worse."

Gov. Wallace posted a \$5,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the bomber or bombers and pledged "the entire forces of the state will be utilized to maintain law and order."

Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham, called for mass prayer for "a spiritual miracle—racial peace."

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President Kennedy in Washington to intervene more forcefully in Alabama.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, who came here from Atlanta Sunday, and other Negro leaders urged the President to take some action to restore Negro confidence—as King put it—and to prevent "the worst racial holocaust the nation has ever seen."



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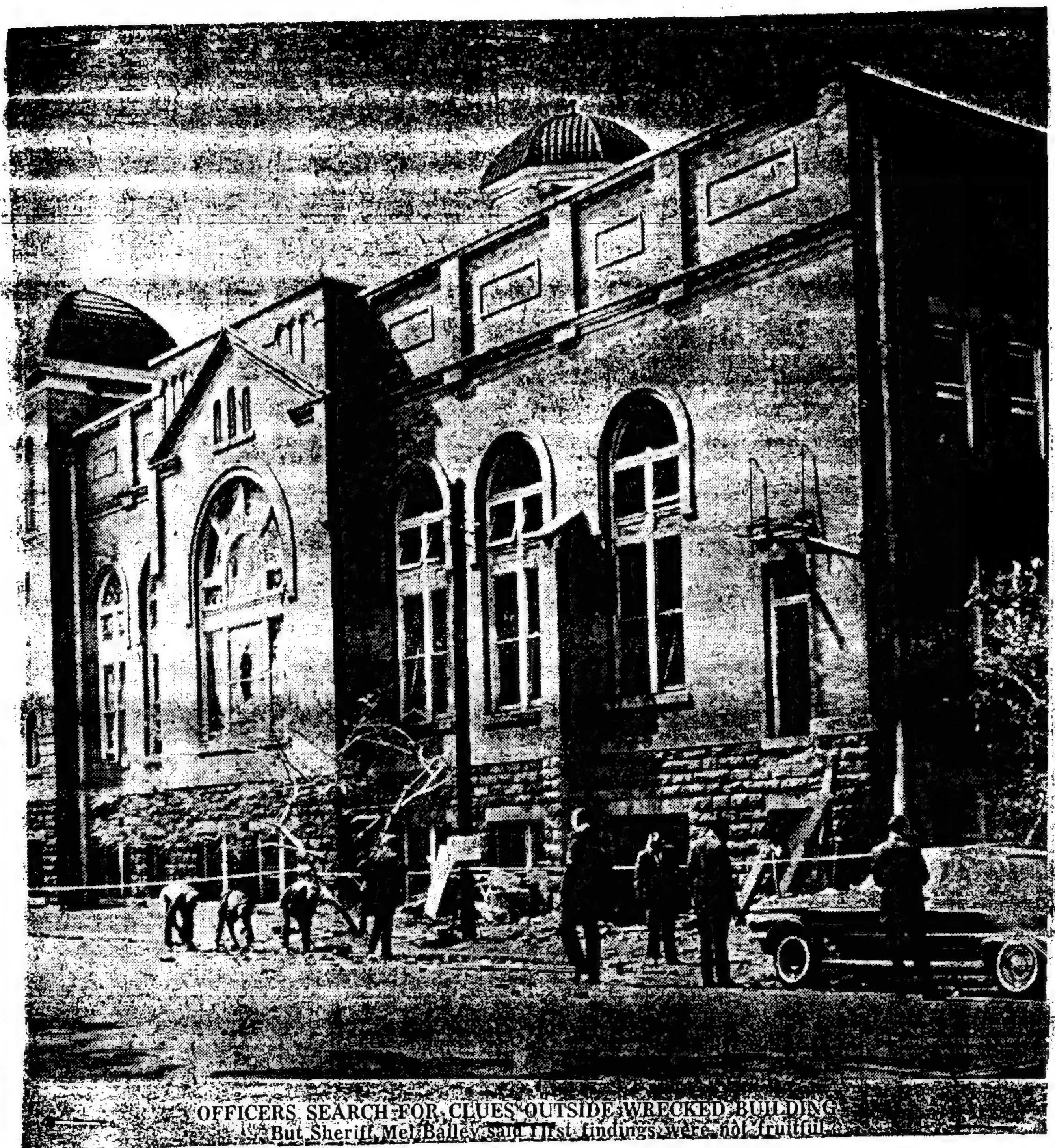




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**HEAVY BLAST BLEW GAPING HOLE IN WALL OF CHURCH, SIDEWALK**  
... Some of destruction shown in view looking across 16th Street





OFFICERS SEARCH FOR CLUES OUTSIDE WRECKED BUILDING  
But Sheriff Mel Bailey said first findings were not fruitful.



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# Council wires condolence to six families

Mayor Albert Boutwell and the City Council today sent telegrams of condolence to families of the six Negroes who were killed Sunday in Birmingham's racial tragedy.

During an adjourned special meeting, the council also appointed a three-member memorial committee comprised of Alan Drennen, chairman, and Council President M. E. Wiggins and Councilman Don Hawkins.

THE COMMITTEE drafted the following telegram:

"Writing, as we do, in profound sorrow and in Christian sincerity, we, the mayor and City Council, convey to you and all your loved ones the grief we share with you.

"Each of us prays the Almighty God that He, in His infinite compassion and tender mercy, will comfort your hearts and strengthen your faith.

"We say this and pray in the name of the whole city and its people."

The telegram was sent individually to the families of the four Negro girls killed in the bomb explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and two boys. One boy was shot by police during a rock-throwing incident and the other reportedly killed by two white boys on a motorcycle.

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# Council urges talks with school board

Again declaring its full support of school board actions, City Council nevertheless moved today for a meeting with the board to discuss school problems.

Councilman Alan Drennen said he feels closer communications should exist between the council and school board.

"We have adopted an attitude of hands off for too long," said Drennen. "It's about time we get on."

THE COUNCIL, as well as other officials and laymen of the Birmingham area, has been concerned over demonstrations by large bands of teen-agers protesting desegregation of the city school system. The young people disrupted more than a dozen schools last week, appearing at campuses and shouting for students to walk out.

The Board of Education is on record with a statement saying that attendance in classes is required by law, and that parents who permit children to run loose are subject to prosecution.

The council and school board have not met together since council took office last spring.

George Seibels, chairman of the council's Health, Education and Safety Committee, said he would contact school board members and try to arrange a meeting.

City Atty. J. M. Breckenridge again reminded the council that school boards are independent bodies created by the Legislature, and that council has no authority over it. But Breckenridge did say council may meet and talk over issues with the board.

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## Local clergies voice regret over bombing

Methodist and Baptist ministers, meeting in denominational groups this morning, expressed sympathy and concern over the bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Sunday in which four children were killed and others injured.

The Methodist ministers of the Birmingham district met at First Methodist Church and unanimously approved the statement Sunday by the executive committee of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham.

The Methodist ministers also were urged, not in the resolution, to express personally their sympathy to the bereaved families.

BAPTIST MINISTERS said in a statement "that the members of the Baptist Pastors Conference individually express deepest regret and sorrow, personally and publicly, to the families of those who were killed in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

"That, we individually commit ourselves, personally and publicly, to the easing and resolving of the tensions which have created the climate in which such acts are possible.

"That, we individually call upon God, personally and publicly, to forgive us our sins, and by His power to call us to be willing to achieve spiritual brotherliness in our community."

A member of the committee named by the Baptist pastors to draft the statement stated that the time is past for resolutions and the time for action is here.

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# City's people all victims, mostly innocent, Boutwell says

All the people of Birmingham are victims of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church Sunday morning and everyone has a part in bringing to justice those responsible.

As shocked and stunned Birmingham families prepared to retire Sunday night, these words and others were brought to them over WAPI-TV and radio by city officials and state, county and city law enforcement officers.

Mayor Albert Boutwell struck at the heart of what the tragedy means to Birmingham in pointing out, "All of us are victims, and most of us are innocent victims."

"THIS NIGHT," he said, "all of us who are not the immediate victims of horrible and tragic violence must put all else aside, until we have found and made certain the punishment of those who are responsible. No stone will be left unturned. . . . No effort or expense will be spared to accomplish that."

How everyone in Birmingham can have an active part in sharing the burden of the tragedy was pointed out by Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Birmingham Ministerial Association and pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church.

Dr. Miller called on "every God-fearing person, regardless of race or creed, to pause daily at high noon, wherever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that churches toll bells and that radio and television stations cooperate in the minute of prayer. This observance beginning tomorrow will extend through the week of Sept. 16-22."

FROM THREE law enforcement officers came appeals to the people of Birmingham to remain calm and to be cooperative. The officers made it clear that no violence or disorders will be tolerated.

Alabama Public Safety Director Lingo, here with 300 state troopers said, "We are here to help maintain law and order. That's what we are here to do . . . and that's what we are going to do . . . We are here to cooperate with Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and his splendid officers and with Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey and his likewise splendid law enforcement officers."

Lingo pointed out that he and his men were sent here by Gov. George Wallace at the request of Birmingham city officials.

Sheriff Mel Bailey and Inspector W. H. Haley appealed to citizens to limit auto travel to absolutely necessary trips and not to expose themselves to danger or endanger others.

"Any thoughtless act on the part of the public, though seemingly harmless, can become explosive," Haley pointed out.

M. E. WIGGINS, president of the Birmingham City Council, and Councilman George G. Seibels Jr., joined Mayor Boutwell in placing responsibility for behavior of school children on parents.

Boutwell, in assuring parents that their children will be protected, asked them to see to it that the boys and girls go directly to school and back home "without loitering or roaming."

Seibels, chairman of the council's committee on public safety, health and education, urged parents "to see to it that their children refrain from public demonstrations of any kind. Driving around the streets . . . yelling . . . and sometimes jeering, though in youthful spirits, could provoke serious trouble, resulting in possible death or injury," he said.

Wiggins warned that enforcement officers may not be able to assure the safety of children, schools, churches and homes if forced to contend with "roaming bands of children or adults, at night or by day. This is the time for every citizen to live up to his or her responsibility."

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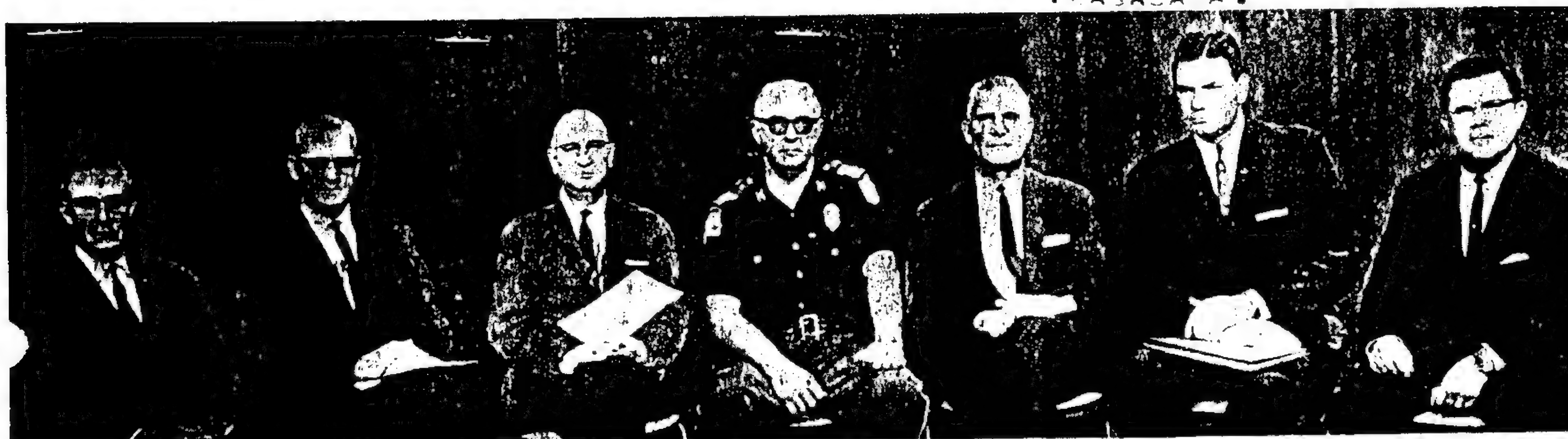
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**LEADERS OF BIRMINGHAM AND ALABAMA BROADCAST APPEAL FOR CALMNESS AND REASON FOLLOWING BOMBING**  
 ... From left, Mayor Albert Boutwell, Police Inspector Bill Haley, M. E. Wiggins, Al Lingo, George Seibels Jr., Sheriff Mel Bailey, Dr. W. Landon Miller

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# Ministers urge minute of prayer

Every God-fearing citizen regardless of race or creed was called on Sunday by the executive committee of the Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham to pause for a minute of prayer at high noon everyday this week.

The members of the executive committee of the ministers' association met in a special called meeting at a downtown hotel Sunday after the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The resolution calls for radio and TV stations to join the churches in calling Birmingham people to minute of silent prayer.

The complete text of their statement follows:

"OUR HEARTS are broken by the wanton act of cowardly brutality in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. We want to express our compassionate concern to the families of the girls whose lives were snuffed out and to those who were injured. We abhor this and other acts of violence.

"We call upon every God-fearing person to pray, to expect a spiritual miracle of brotherliness in our community.

"We request of every citizen to refrain, by word or deed, from lending aid or dignity to unlawful and malicious expressions which tend to excite violence, hatred and bitterness.

"WE APPEAL TO those who may have some bit of information which may be useful in the apprehension of the perpetrators of this dastardly act to give this information immediately to the authorities.

"In humiliation before God, we call upon every God-fearing person regardless of race or creed to pause daily at high noon, wherever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that

churches toll their bells and radio and television stations to operate in the minute of prayer.

"This observance will extend the week of Sept. 16-22.

"We deplore and are grieved that a place dedicated to the worship of God was bombed and we endorse the efforts of a group of laymen who have pledged to raise funds for the funeral and hospital expenses of the victims and to restore the house of worship damaged.

"We assure the law enforcement and Civilian Defense officers of our concern, confidence and prayers for them in their courageous efforts in this present situation."

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# Knew blast would come, pastor says

BY JULES LOH  
Associated Press staff writer  
"It was just a matter of when," said the Rev. John H. Cross. "We've been expecting this all along, waiting for it, knowing it would come, wondering when."

The four Negro girls were 10 hours dead and the heart of the Rev. Cross, pastor of the dynamite-shattered Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, was heavy with grief as the humid night air was heavy with tension.

"I've received half a dozen bomb threats since last April," he said. "We've searched the church several times. We've called off nighttime meetings because we felt it would be just too dangerous to gather, even if only to pray."

"We haven't underestimated the extremists," he said. "We've known right along there were people in this town capable of anything. Even this."

IN PARTS OF THE CITY, as the Rev. Cross spoke, there was

the periodic echo of a siren, the occasional crack of a gun, the ugly shout of a curse.

By contrast the home of the distraught pastor, hard by the damaged church, was still. His voice was lost and dulled by exhaustion as he reflected Sunday night on the tragedy and its victims.

"Cynthia and Carol (Cynthia Wesley and Carol Robertson, both 14) were youth ushers in the Sunday School, sort of hostesses for the other children. Carol was a very talented girl. So was Cynthia — a brilliant young girl, an honor student."

"Addie Mae and little Denice (Addie Mae Collins, 14; Denice McNair, 11) were members of our youth choir. Both were fine little girls, faithful in their attendance."

"ALL WERE A CREDIT to the community. Now they're all gone."

The minister said that in addition to telephoned threats of bombing—always, he said, from an anonymous male voice—he

had received countless humiliating and insulting calls, both at his home and his church office.

"It had become a regular thing since spring," he said.

That was when demonstrations inspired by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. originated at the church, marking it as a symbol of the current Negro movement and the target for a bomb.

The Rev. Cross said none of the four girls had been among the hundreds of young people who participated in the demonstrations.

On the other hand one of the girls, Carol Robertson, was a granddaughter of Mrs. Sallie M. Anderson who is a member of the Citizens Community Affairs Committee.

THE REV. CROSS said the four deaths "certainly should be on the conscience of Gov. George Wallace, and I imagine they are."

"Any time high public officials openly defy the law I feel it has a tendency to incite violence. There are many others too, right here in Birmingham, who have made very weak statements, just token statements, against the use of violence. I think if they had spoken out forcefully it would have given the extremists an opportunity to reconsider."

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# For 14 hours terror held sway in city

A church bombing. Four dead, 15 injured.

Two shootings. Two more dead.

Three fires.

Rocks and bricks thrown at cars and people. Gunshots. Smashed glass. Injuries, injuries, injuries.

Birmingham was a terrified city Monday, the measure of its fear reflected tersely, factually, constantly by the police radio.

THE TERROR STRUCK at 10:22 a.m., with the call that Sixteenth Street Baptist Church had been bombed.

Not until 2:40 a.m. Monday was a calming word passed over the radio: "Tell 43 to go to sleep. Everybody else has."

For 14 hours and 18 minutes it told a story unreal and unbelievable in its awfulness.

—WHITES HIT by rocks and bricks; taken to University Hospital.

Emergency quarters there are still a nightmare with the dead and injured Negroes from the church when the new victims begin arriving.

Mrs. Helon Salter, 54, is admitted with a head concussion and lacerations. A thrown brick hit her inside a car. Her address is 150 Brook Lane Drive.

James R. Slimp, 51, 329 25th St. SW, is treated for a brick bruise and released.

MRS. POLLY ALLEN, honeymooning from Chicago with her husband, Michael, is treated for rock wounds and also released.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ritchie, of 1020 Ridge Road, are treated and released for superficial cuts at East End Hospital. Ritchie says they were ambushed by a shotgun as they drove on the Huffman-Tarrant Road, one-half mile west of Huffman.

Negro Bernard Talley, 12, has a gunshot wound dressed at Hillman Emergency, and is released. He lives at 326 Second Terrace North.

SCORES OF OTHER PERSONS have minor wounds dressed at hospitals throughout the city.

The hectic afternoon wears on.

—A Negro man is shot in the 800 block of 26th Street, the police radio says. He is James Robinson, 16. He is dead on arrival at University Hospital. He was throwing rocks and ran from police.

A NEGRO BOY, 13, is shot to death on Sandusky Road.

The police radio says the shooting reportedly was done by two white boys on a red motor-scooter. The victim is Virgil Ware.

Now night is closing in, compounding the fear.

The fires start at 5:45 p.m., Avenue O and 22nd Street, Ensley, vacant house.

—7:04 p.m., Avenue Q and 21st Street, Ensley, vacant house.

10:22 a.m. Avenue K and 16th Street, Ensley, vacant house.

9:48 p.m. Ensley, Roofing and Sheet Metal Co., Finley Avenue and Center Street. The fire threatens other buildings before being contained.

POLICE SPEED to answer scores of calls: rocks, shots, broken windows and windshields.

Windows are splintered at a grocery at Fourth Street and 10th Avenue North, a store at 985 Third Street North, at 10th Avenue and 24th Street and 16th Street and 11th Avenue North, and at a supermarket at 11th Avenue and Sixth Street North.

Rock calls came from 1609 34th St. SW, near Elmwood Chapel, 26th Street and Clairmont Avenue, Eight Avenue and Graymont, 985 Third St. North, 10th Avenue Southwest, Third Avenue and 18th Street South, and dozens of other areas.

THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING arrives by plane about 9 p.m. and the radio follows movements of a caravan coming into town "at a high rate of speed."

Another convoy of cars, bearing out-of-state licenses, heads toward Birmingham on U. S. 31 North about 10:30 p.m. State troopers move to check them.

Time moves toward midnight, and gradually the radio grows more quiet, more routine.

Officers check on armed whites and Negroes in various neighborhoods.

Gunfire is reported, but no injuries.

It is now Monday morning. Most of the city rests uneasily.

"Tell 43 to go to sleep," says the radio at 2:40 a.m. "Everybody else has."

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# Victim by victim, scream by scream

LOU ISAACSON

Staff Writer

Victim by victim, scream by scream, the bomber's toll mounted at University Hospital.

In a makeshift morgue an old Negro identified gruesome remains as his granddaughter, Cynthia Wesley, 14.

The man's solemn comment: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

The bodies of three more girls were identified by broken, wailing parents:

They were Carol Robertson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robertson of 1021 Fifth St. North; Denise McNair, 11, daughter of Mrs. Maxine McNair of Bessemer Rd. 4, and Addie Mae Collins, 14, daughter of Mrs. Alice Collins of 232 Sixth Court West.

ANGUISH WAS A living nightmare as 15 injured Negroes were rushed in by ambulances.

This was the immediate toll taken by a dynamite explosion during worship services Sunday at the Sixteenth Street Negro Baptist Church, near downtown Birmingham.

Three white persons were treated at University Hospital in the ensuing hours for cuts and bruises from rocks hurled by Negroes. One of them was admitted.

Ambulance sirens cut the Sunday morning quietness on Southside, beginning about 10:35 a.m.

HUNDREDS OF curious persons flocked to the hospital emergency entrance.

They were held back by ropes strung around the entrance and guards stationed at the door.

Within minutes, hospital officials had summoned all available help.

Inside the hospital, Coroner Bill Allen and Detective Charlie Pierce were attempting to make identification of the dead.

Police blocked off Sixth Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets South so ambulances could get to the emergency entrance.

HOSPITAL GUARDS dispersed crowds of Negroes who gathered outside the hospital.

Inside families of the injured and dead were desperately trying to get information.

Mrs. Helon Salter, 54, a white woman, was brought in and admitted with lacerations and a concussion.

"We were riding through the area where the bomb went off going to the airport and momma was hit with a brick," Mrs. Salter's son related. She lives at 150 Brook Lane Drive.

A WHITE MAN, James R. Slimp, 51, of 329 25th Street SW, was hit by a brick. He was treated and released.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen of Chicago, on their honeymoon, passed through the bombing area. Mrs. Allen was struck by a rock and was treated and released at the hospital.

Several other white people were brought in for lacerations of the head and face caused by thrown bricks and rocks.

One Negro man, who was upstairs when the bomb went off, said he tried desperately to keep other from panicking.

B. H. WILSON SR., a trustee of the church, said he helped to lead people out of the church.

After about three hours things were back to normal at the hospital and most of the injured had been treated and released.

The efficient manner in which

hospital officials and other workers lent.

The injured ranged from depressed skull fractures to a laceration of the forehead.

Those injured from the blast include:

Milton Stollenverch, 315 10th Court North; Georgia McCarter, 65, 200 Fourth Ave. South; the Rev. J. H. Pullen, 6520 58th Ave. North; Charles Bryan, 821 15th Way North; Ellis

Benard, 70, 807 18th Way SW; Lynn Cross, 4, no address available; Joseph Parrish, 21 10th Ave. South.

Sam Zeigler, 68, 2111 11th Ave. North; Georgia Johnson, 429 Sixth Ave. North; Jonathan Jones, 12, no address; Lillian Pollard, 24, 57 Ninth Ave. North; Sarah Collins, 10, address not available; William Griar, 49, 101 11th Court West; Bernadine Mathews, 15, 1816 Center Way South.

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# MESSAGE OF HEARTACHE

Dr. Gamble, the 16th Street Negro church has been bombed. Anonymously, the telephone message came Sunday morning to O. S. Gamble, pastor of the West End Methodist Church. The church is in the same neighborhood as West End High School, which was desegregated by two Negro girls last Wednesday.

DR. GAMBLE WENT into his 11 a.m. service minutes later. My associate minister and I, in my study, offered prayers that we would be able to say the things our congregation should know," Dr. Gamble said.

He preached his regular sermon: "What Is Right With the church?" The worship service ended.

"I have an announcement to make," he said.

"A Negro church has been bombed; the 16th Street Baptist church. I do not know whether there was any loss of life."

HE LOOKED AT his people as he spoke, mothers and fathers and daughters. The young. The elderly.

Pain and heartache and suffering and sorrow blanched their faces.

Many began crying.

"This is not right," the minister said.

Then he issued them an invitation.

"All who care to, come to the altar and pray."

More than 500 persons left their pews.

"The aisles of the church were jammed with people waiting to get to the altar to pray," Dr. Gamble said.

"THEY PRAYED silently, many of them weeping as they prayed.

"I saw elderly men kneeling at the altar and praying.

"I saw little children.

"They came from the balcony and all sections of the church.

"I've never seen such a response in all my life.

"It was the greatest service I've ever been in."

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# The day a church became a tomb

BY TOM LANKFORD AND IRVING BEIMAN

News staff writers

A church became a tomb as 10 sticks of dynamite dug a grave for four children.

Gunshots echoed in the streets while police hunted killer-bomber.

This was Birmingham Sunday—a city blasted again to the brink of disaster when the explosion shattered the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, near downtown, during morning worship services.

The deaths of the four girls marked the first time anyone has died in a bombing itself during the more than 40 that have perplexed the city in recent years.

A few weeks ago a young Negro was shot to death during mob reaction to the second bombing of Negro attorney Arthur Shores' home.

CRACK NATIONAL INVESTIGATORS are teaming with local officials in the manhunt for the killer.

The Justice Department has assigned a special force of FBI agents, including bomb experts, to solve the bombing which heavily damaged the church and injured 15 other Negroes.

Two top aides of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy flew into Birmingham Sunday night: Asst. Deputy Atty. Gen. Joseph Dolan and John Nolan, the attorney general's administrative assistant.

## Special Report

Gov. George Wallace also vowed in a statement that the person or persons responsible would be caught.

The governor rushed State Safety Director Al Lingo and 300 State Troopers into the city Sunday evening—at the request of Mayor Albert Boutwell, Chief of Police Jamie Moore and Sheriff Mel Bailey—to augment the overworked city police force. Birmingham units of the National Guard were alerted by Wallace.

IN A TELEGRAM TO THE governor, the officials said that in view of the "tragic and abhorrent events in Birmingham Sunday morning, we anticipate a great deal of unrest in our city. While the situation appears to be well under control of local law enforcement at this time, the possibility of further trouble exists."

Two white men, questioned after the bombing, were released a few hours later.

Killed in the explosion were Cynthia Wesley, 14, of 22 11th Ave. North; Carol Robertson, 16, of 1021 Fifth St. North; Denise McNair, 11, of Bessemer Rd. 4 and

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Addie Mae Collins, 14, of 232 Sixth Court West. ~~One child's~~ head was blown off by the blast. The chests of others were a bloody mass.

JOSEPH PARRISH, chairman of the board of trustees of the church, said the children killed had apparently gone into the basement, where the women's restroom is located, before the general assembly for Sunday School was to start.

Sunday school had started at 9:30 a.m. The blast, judging by a stopped clock in the church, occurred at 10:22 a.m.

Fifteen other Negroes were treated at University Hospital for multiple lacerations caused by flying brick and mortar and glass when the bomb went off at the church. Several others were hurt but did not seek hospital treatment.

Several white people were brought into the hospital within an hour of the explosion. They had been hit by bricks thrown by angry Negroes near the bombed church.

The blast brought quick reaction, some of it bloody.

A Negro youth was fatally shot by Birmingham police officers in an alley off 26th Street North, near Eighth Avenue, about 4 p.m. Sunday. ~~Police said the~~ Negro was throwing rocks at automobiles passing along 26th Street. Officers said they fired over his head, but he apparently was stuck by one of the shots.

THE NEGRO WAS IDENTIFIED as Johnnie Robinson, 16, of 622 28th St. North.

Investigators for the city's Fire Prevention Bureau found shreds of material which they identified as burned fuse near the scene of the explosion, outside the 16th Street side entrance.

The fire marshal theorized that 10 sticks of dynamite did the work.

He speculated that the "bomber" could have parked his car a block from the church, lighted a fuse 15 feet long or more, put the dynamite in a shoe box or wrapped in heavy paper, then walked to the 16th Street side of the church.

There he could have dropped his package into the stairwell, which ended four feet below the sidewalk level at the basement door. Then he could have walked slowly back to his car and gone several blocks before the explosion came.

THE FIRE MARSHAL SAID fuse of the type believed used in the blast burns "40 seconds to the foot."

~~He said~~ no brass particles or other metal was found near the scene, which bolstered his belief that the blast was caused by dynamite sticks set off with a lighted fuse rather than a bomb and timing device.

At Montgomery, Wallace issued this statement:

"The church bombing in Birmingham today is a tragic event which has saddened all Alabamians. The perpetrators of this vicious crime must be brought to justice.

"I serve notice on those responsible that every law enforcement agency of this state will be used to apprehend them.

"ALL AVAILABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies of the state of Alabama, including the Birmingham units of the Alabama National Guard not now federalized, have been alerted for duty in Birmingham.

"Col. Al Lingo, state director of public safety has been in constant touch with Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and has advised Chief Moore that the entire state trooper contingent is available for immediate use in Birmingham.

"I have offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the bombing this morning."

Police Capt. Jack Warren credited work of an unnamed Negro Civil Defense captain for preventing an outbreak of violence at the church following the explosion.

"I FEARED FOR MY LIFE," said Warren, who was one of the first officers to reach the scene. "I tried to disperse the crowd with my megaphone, but was having no luck. Then the Negro Civil Defense official came up with his bullhorn. He set up ropes and the crowd gradually dispersed."

Negroes threw rocks and bricks at police when they first arrived. Police fired shotgun blasts over the heads of Negroes near the church in attempts to disperse the crowd at first. An hour after the blast, police reported the crowd was "pretty orderly."

The church, a brick structure constructed in 1909, was a tragic sight after the blast. Broken glass covered its 16th Street side. Numbed parents and relatives of children in the Sunday School wandered about in silence.

"Oh, my God. That's my kid . . . she's dead . . . she's dead," a Negro man screamed as a small twisted body was lifted from the ruins.

POLICE KEPT HIM FROM running through the gaping hole in side of the church as the child was placed on a stretcher.

Hysterical screams from Negroes who had children attending Sunday School at the church echoed around the church.

A car bearing a Confederate flag drove up to the church and Negroes began shouting and yelling. Police made the driver remove the flag.

Occupants of the vehicle said Negroes had thrown a rock through the front window near the church.

Gunfire sounded along Eighth Avenue North as police fired in the air to disperse rock-throwing Negroes.

The city's riot tank roamed the alleys and streets. Police radios blared as more ambulances were cleared to enter the area. All shifts of police were called and ordered to report to Kelly Ingram Park, across from the church.

POLICE LINES WERE SET UP and traffic was re-

routed in a three-block area around the church.

Three cars parked near the church side entrance were knocked four feet backward by the explosion. Sides of the almost demolished vehicles were dotted with large holes caused by flying debris.

Inside, the church was in shambles in the rear section. Force of the blast had twisted chairs, shredded wooden benches and knocked out windows.

Windows were knocked out of buildings a block away and occupants of houses said they were knocked off their feet. Police at City Hall at the time said the building seemed to shudder.

"WE WERE ALL IN Sunday School classrooms when the bomb went off," said primary teacher Miss Effie J. McCaw. "I told the children in my class to lie on the floor."

"The teachers kept the congregation from panicking. We couldn't get to the children in the basement. Everyone walked outside in a hurry. There was no screaming, only crying."

She said debris came crashing down in the rear of the church and many persons were cut and bruised. About 200 persons were in the church.

A huge crater was dug by the blast at the Sixteenth Street entrance to the church. Concrete steps that led to the main floor from the side door were blown away.

Detective Lt. Maurice House said the bomb had been placed in an abandoned stairwell outside the restroom. The side door was locked, he said, and no one used the stairs leading to the basement level.

THE CHURCH PASTOR, the Rev. J. H. Cross, said he was jolted by the blast.

Birmingham police had been guarding the church at night, along with other Negro churches where desegregation meetings had been held in past months.

The church is only a block away from a Negro motel which was bombed after the anti-segregation demonstrations last May. No one was hurt in this explosion. The same night, the parsonage home of the Rev. A. D. King, brother of the anti-segregation leader, Rev. Martin Luther King, also was bombed, with no casualties. Negro attorney Shores' home has been bombed twice recently.

Two firebombs were tossed last week at the home of A. G. Gaston, Birmingham Negro millionaire and businessman. One of the so-called "Molotov cocktails," a gasoline-filled bottle with a wick for a fuse, crashed through the window of the Gaston home and damaged a drape. The other fell harmlessly on the ground.

THE CHURCH EXPLOSION SUNDAY came 11 days after Birmingham desegregated three public schools over the vehement objections of the governor and segregation organizations.

Five Negro children were enrolled at the three previously all white Birmingham schools after the Alabama National Guard was federalized to overcome the governor's resistance.

Birmingham has had more than 40 bombings in recent years, all apparently connected with the racial situation.

No one has been arrested in connection with the bombings.

The bombed church was one of the main meeting places during mass demonstrations by Negroes here in May and June. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary for the NAACP, Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders spoke at rallies there.

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## Fund set up to pay cost of victim's rites

Creation of a community memorial fund for paying funeral costs of four Negro children killed Sunday in the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church and restoration of the church was announced today.

Plans for a coordinated effort to help repair the church and meet other financial needs created by the bombing came out of a meeting Tuesday of Birmingham religious leaders of all faiths—Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish.

Contributions will be solicited for the effort under the name of 16th Street Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

TWO BANKS, the First National and the Birmingham Trust National, have been selected as depositories for the fund and contributions will be accepted at those banks.

Accepting the responsibility of fund trustees are Dr. John Lukens of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Dr. Denson Franklin of the First Methodist Church, Episcopal Bishop C. C. J. Carpenter, Dr. W. Landon Miller of the Ruhama Baptist Church and Robert Fore, vice president of the First National Bank. Leading laymen of the city will be invited to become trustees.

"Our community has an obligation to the victims of the bombing and has a need to express its sorrow and concern that such a thing could happen here," said Episcopal Bishop George Murray, spokesman for the religious leaders of the fund. "The aim is to recognize, in one coordinated fund raising effort, the

feelings of the community in the wanton killing of four children and the damaging of a church.

"SOME OF THE families affected, both in the bombing itself and the resulting aftermath involving the loss of two additional lives, are in desperate financial need.

"The report on the extent of the damage to the church is not yet complete," Bishop Murray said, "but the damage was very extensive.

"It is felt that a great number of contributors to such a fund would be an effective means of demonstrating that most of our people do not approve of bombing and killing."

NAMES of contributors will not be divulged.

Bishop Murray said that the fund would make up the difference between the amount of insurance coverage, whatever it may be, and the total cost of renovation of the building. If the contributions to the fund exceed that cost and the cost of the funerals, the remainder will be turned over to the Red Cross disaster fund, he said.

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### *Services held for bomb victim*

Funeral services for Candice Rosamond Robertson, 14-year-old victim of Sunday's bombing, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. John's African Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the Rev. John H. Cross, spoke at the funeral service. Rites were scheduled for the other three victims today.

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## City, nation grieve for bomb victims

Birmingham and the nation grieved today at the biers of three Negro children, victims of a church bombing which shocked the world.

Their funerals were held today at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, South. Services for 15-year-old Carole Rosamond Robertson, the fourth girl to die Sunday, were held Tuesday before 450 persons, including about 20 white, at St. John's A.M.E. Church. National Negro leaders, including NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, came here for the funeral.

The Rev. John H. Cross, pastor of the bombed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, spoke at the funeral of the Robertson child.

HE SAID THE church bomber did not only bomb the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, did not only kill these lovely, innocent girls, but somehow the whole world was shaken. People everywhere died.

Words of the Apostle Paul were used as the text of Carole's eulogy.

"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord," began the Rev. Cross.

"Accept these words," Cross told Carole's family, seated in six pews just to the right of the pulpit.

Carole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robertson, sat on the front row. She was their third child.

"Accept them by faith," said Cross. "Remember our lives are submerged in the will of God."

"WHEN THESE atrocious acts were committed, they were committed against all freedom-loving people the world over; 170 million people in the United States are grieving with us right this very moment.

"Somehow, we have been brought together as we have

never been brought together before.

"Regardless of our ethnic lines, our creactions, our social lines, we have been brought together, not as Negro or white, not as Protestant or Catholic, but as children of God throughout the world."

Cross compared the murders with the Crucifixion. Jesus didn't die in vain, he said.

"Somehow," the minister said, "we can identify this situation as not being an ordinary type of suffering, but a suffering identified with a cause."

HE SAID their deaths have aided the cause of right.

Scripture was read by the Rev. Hobart E. Oden Jr., assistant pastor at 16th Street Baptist. He read the 23rd Psalm from the Old Testament, and from the New Testament, Christ's words: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. For such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Rev. C. E. Thomas, pastor at St. John, repeated stanzas of the hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

An "expression" by the Rev. Martin Luther King was scheduled, but it was announced that a "conflict in schedule" prevented his attendance. The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth spoke in his place.

"The society in which we live has not made safe the streets we walk, the homes in which we live or the House of God," he said.

"Words will neither dry the tears nor still the pain . . ."

SHUTTLESWORTH said, "darkness will not last forever. Grief will not prevail. You, by your suffering, have paid another installment in this great thing called freedom."

Four little girls rose from the section reserved for classmates, Girl Scouts and a youth organization, Jack and Jill, from

Carole was past secretary of Jack and Jill and treasurer of Scout Troop 208 at Parker High School. She was also secretary of her class.

The girls — Cheryl McCarthy, Karen Floyd, Linda Gailard and Laura Poole — read an excerpt from the poem, "And Ye Shall Find Me" and sang "I Heard a Forest Praying."

Before the trip to the cemetery, the Rev. Thomas made "an observation."

"I CALL UPON you in the name of the ministers in Birmingham, and I represent them at this time, that you keep cool heads."

"Read Psalms 91, 37 and 27. Read them. Read them again, and reread them. Pray over them."

"To the young people I say, instead of getting a bottle, get your mother and daddy's hand and take them to the ballot box. If you stoop to violence, you are no better than the Klan or any other hate group. Violence will never win."

"The greatest tribute you can pay to Carole is to be calm, be lovely, be kind, be innocent."

The child was buried at Shadow Lawn Cemetery.

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# In 'open letter'— Women deplore church bombing

News Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18—A national women's group—representing 50 million members of more than 300 organizations—today addressed an "open letter" to the women of Birmingham.

It said that women everywhere share the grief for innocent children killed in the church bombing last Sunday.

THE LETTER said that all women are aroused by the tragedy in Birmingham, and that the time has come for women to care about, and to build "the kind of world we want for children—white or yellow, red or black."

The group, "The National Women's Committee for Civil Rights," was formed here on July 9 following a conference with President Kennedy at the White House. Its co-chairmen are Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president of Wellesley College and former head of the Navy's Waves, and Mrs. William B. Harris, assistant professor at Howard University Law School.

TEXT of the letter follows:

"To the women of Birmingham—in memory of Sept. 15, 1963:

"It is not only you who grieve that your strong city was besmirched with blood of innocent young girls and boys. From East to West and North to South, the women of America are aroused by your distress.

"Perhaps your children died that we might see the tragedy

of our hate. Perhaps they died to make us know that women, blessed with motherhood, must rise in might to safeguard youth from bombs and guns and awful weapons of brute force.

"We have too long accepted passively the fact of racial bigotry. The privileged among us took good fortune as their right. The under-privileged accepted deprivation as their fate. But this has changed since we have seen that children, women's special care, have now become the victims of our apathy.

"The time has come to care about the kind of world we want for children—white or yellow, red or black. The time is now to build that kind of world.

"It must be built in genuine respect for all mankind, not to scorn or condescension but respect. It must be built on trust in freedom as the right of men, regardless of their race. It will require laws to guarantee this right. It will require effort to adjust our lives to new relationships with people previously unknown. It calls for courage to speak out for justice and for love.

"Let it be comfort that your tragedy has been a clarion call to women everywhere to arouse themselves to build that better world."

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# Justice Dept. aide urges hiring Negro policemen

BY JAMES FREE, News Washington correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18—Birmingham is still virtually in a state of shock from last Sunday's bombing, and the critical need is to establish communications and mutual confidence between Negroes and whites.

This is the view of the Justice Department. Its chief civil rights trouble-shooter, Burke Marshall, has strongly urged the hiring of Negro policemen in Birmingham as the first step.

Marshall, head of the Civil Rights Division, has noted that many Negroes lack confidence in Birmingham city police and actually fear Alabama state police. He has suggested to city officials and white civic leaders that appointment of some Negro policemen would change the attitude of local Negroes toward all-white city and county law enforcement authorities.

MARSHALL RETURNED here Tuesday afternoon after a three-day visit to Birmingham. He went there by plane Sunday, after the church bombing in which four Negro girls were killed.

A department official said Marshall had reported to Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy, and that they agreed it would be neither legal nor logical to send federal troops to Birmingham, as Negro leaders there have proposed.

The official noted that local and state police have the situation under control, and that several hundred National Guardsmen are in reserve.

"Certainly federal troops could patrol the streets," the official said, "but this would not solve anything. What would happen after they left?"

The official said that, as far as he knew, no city official had offered to meet with the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, and other Negro leaders.

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break in the communications deadlock, the officials said. Some whites "make an effort," he added, and the newspapers, radio and television stations, and some politicians, are moving toward recognizing that the whites must deal with Negro claims for racial justice.

Meanwhile, both Negroes and whites reacted first with horror and later with fear to the bombing. The official said Negroes have set up their own armed patrols in their section of town for protection against further bombing.

The FBI has received and gathered some information on the bombing, but the official said it is too early to tell whether this might lead to the killers.

If the "chasm" between the races cannot be bridged, the official said, tensions and incidents may continue, and some persons fear that this may lead to whites and Negroes shooting at each other, the official said.

He said there is no reason to fear a large-scale race riot is imminent, that leaders of both races are counseling against violence.

THE DANGER lies in indefinite continuation of the present distrust, suspicion and fear, the official explained. Solutions, he said, must be worked out locally.

"The city of Birmingham must be run by the people of Birmingham," he said. "The cure will have to come from there."

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## Judge Allgood On Law, Courts

U. S. District Judge Clarence Allgood is a native of Birmingham. It was in that capacity as much as in his official role as federal judge that he spoke to a special Grand Jury Monday. He spoke for most of his fellow citizens when he said he was "sickened" by the Sunday bombing of a Negro church in which four young girls died and many others were injured.

Judge Allgood called the crime a "blackening sin against humanity." It is to Birmingham's and Alabama's everlasting disgrace that conditions existed here which were conducive to such an atrocity.

"In recent weeks," this federal judge said in his charge to the jury, "we have witnessed what amounts to mockery of our laws, a mockery by those who would cut the very roots of our American system of justice; who in so doing would stave the growth of our way of life, and snuff out human life with insane fury and irrationality."

This was not a "Northern busybody," a "do-gooder" with no conception of Southern conditions. This was a Southerner, an Alabamian, outraged by the horrible thing which had come to pass.

The deep and abiding tragedy of this and other acts of violence is that those who commit them do so in defense of what they conceive to be a "Southern tradition." Nothing could be further from the ideals of our beloved region, and those who think so are the ones who least understand what that tradition is.

"Those who resort to this type of violence in the pious name of freedom and tradition blaspheme their neighbor, their country and their God," Judge Allgood said. "If they think that in their insane frenzy they are serving the cause of segregation, they are traitors to their cause. They do the South a disservice and will be condemned by all decent thinking people."

Judge Allgood charged jurors to indict those who have broken the law by obstructing or attempting to obstruct execution of court orders.

"It is not just the order of this court that is entitled to respect and obedience," he said, "it is the lawful order of any court, the decision of the justice of the peace, the verdict

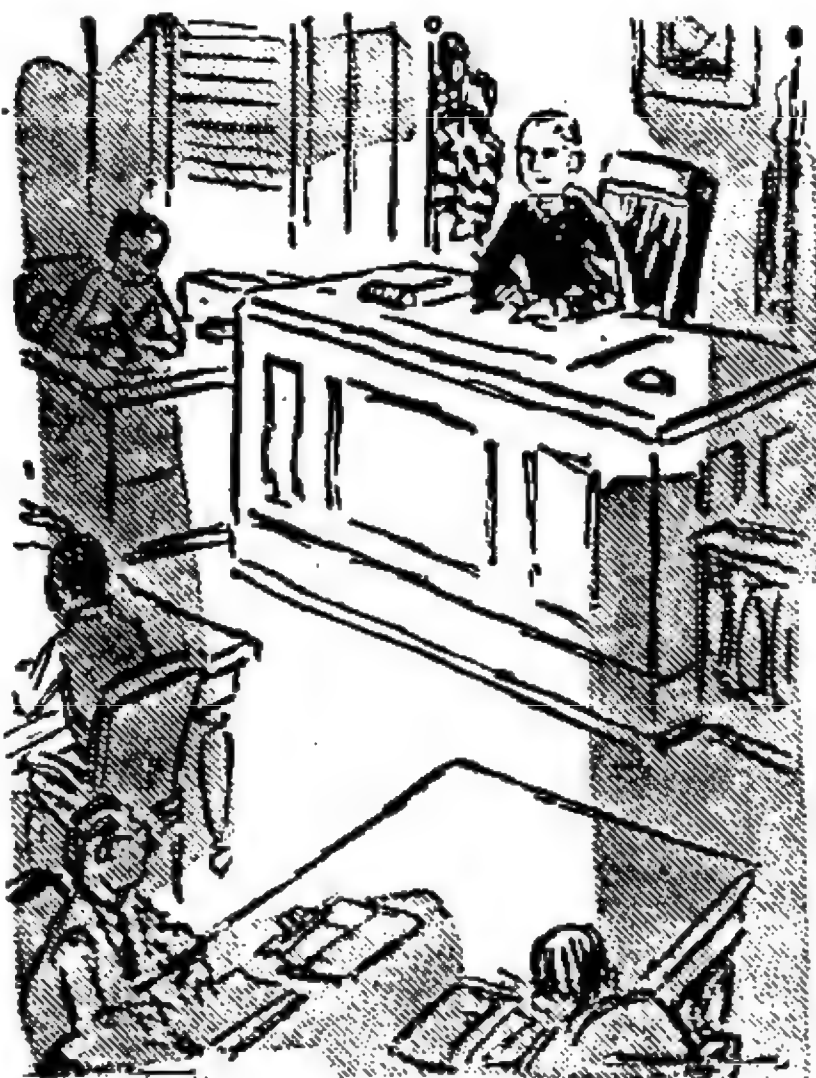
of the jury in the circuit court in your home county, the decree of your circuit judge and the decision of the Supreme Court of this state.

"If the order of this court, or of any court, is allowed to be illegally and forcibly flouted by irresponsible agitators, a chink in the mortar which supports the keystone of our system of justice has occurred, and when the keystone falls from the structure, the wall will collapse and mankind will take a giant step backward.

"This Grand Jury is not an instrument of social change; it is the protector and vindicator of the system of law and order which is our strength and our shield."

It was a solemn charge by a troubled man to similarly troubled men to take action to eliminate some of the conditions in which tragedy is rooted.

It deserves widest attention and respect.



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**BOMBING****REWARD****TOPS****\$76,000*****JFK, Negro******leaders will******talk at capital***

The reward fund for the arrest and conviction of Birmingham bombers passed \$76,000 today and still was climbing.

Spokesmen said \$76,217 has been subscribed to the fund with clerics and City hall clerks still counting.

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The announcement came as The White House announced that President Kennedy will discuss the Birmingham racial situation with six Negro leaders in Washington Thursday.

In another development, a resolution before Congress today asks the President to declare Sunday a national day of mourning for four Negro children who died in the bombing of their church last Sunday.

ALMOST \$19,000 has been pledged to the reward sum since it was announced last Friday that \$57,437 had been raised.

An all-out campaign by Birmingham religious organizations has been instrumental in the fund's surpassing the \$50,000 reward target proposed by City Council.

Although leaders of all faiths who helped put the fund "over the top" have officially completed their task, a spokesman said, "We hope citizens of the community will voluntarily keep giving until the reward fund reaches \$100,000 as a sign to the whole world that we are not letting these insane bombers continue to endanger lives."

It was earlier said that "this is not an intergration fund. It is a fund to stop lawlessness."

Three homes, a church, a department store and motel have been bombed in recent months. Four Negro children were killed and other persons injured in the latest bombing Sunday at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Today's breakdown on reward subscriptions showed that \$37,500 has been pledged through religious organizations, \$23,717 through City Hall, \$10,000 by Gov. George C. Wallace (\$5,000 in the May bombing of the A. D. King home and \$5,000 in Sunday's church bombing) and \$5,000 by A. G. Gaston, earmarked for conviction of persons who bombed his home.

A minister said all pledges were made over the signatures of responsible persons.

ONE NOTE accompanying a reward contribution made through a clergyman said, "You're to be commended for your cause and let's all hope that these horrible acts can be stopped."

A pledge sent to City Council was signed, "God bless you."

PERSONS WISHING to swell the fund should telephone 323-5431, Extension 266, or write to "Reward Fund," City Hall.

IN BALTIMORE, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin ordered all city flags flown at half-staff and urged residents of the Maryland city to observe the day as one of commemoration of the four children.

"We cannot bring back the little girls who were blasted from their young lives because of their color but we can and must dedicate ourselves to the task of assuring that they did not die in vain," the mayor said.

NEGRO LEADERS who will confer with the President are the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, his deputy, A. G. Gaston, Birmingham businessman who has been a bomb target, Dr. Lucius Pitts, president of Miles College, Bishop H. I. Murchison and the Rev. J. L. Ware.

ASSISTANT SENATE Majority Leader Robert H. Humphrey and three other senators offered the resolution calling for a national day of mourning.

Funeral services for three of the slain girls were at 3:30 this afternoon. Last rites for Carole Rosamond Robertson, the fourth girl to die, were held Tuesday.

National Negro leaders, including Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association of Advancement of Colored People, attended the funeral.

The Rev. John H. Cross, pastor of the bombed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, spoke at the funeral of the Robertson child.

HE SAID THE ruthless murderer who killed her "did not only bomb the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, did not only kill these lovely innocent girls, but somehow the whole world was shaken. People everywhere died."

While the city mourned, federal investigations moved forward on two fronts. FBI agents continued their search for clues in the bombing, and a U.S. District Court grand jury investigated possible organized interference with court-ordered school desegregation here.

The girls were among six young Negroes killed Sunday. Police shot a Negro youth while pursuing rock-throwers, and two white youths are charged with shooting a 13-year-old Negro boy.

A JEFFERSON COUNTY Criminal Court hearing on first degree murder charges is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday for Michael Lee Parley and Larry Joe Sims, both 16.

The two Eagle Scouts were returning home from a segregation rally when they met two Negro brothers on a bicycle and Virgil Ware was killed. Sims, accused of shooting him twice with a pistol, said he thought one of the brothers was holding a rock.

Crowds demonstrated outside the U. S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda, and sympathy protests were held throughout this country.

Union sales clerks in 2,000 metropolitan New York stores scheduled brief memorial services.

A RESOLUTION submitted to Congress asked President Kennedy to set aside next Sunday the 101st anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation announcement as a day of mourning for the four girls.

Assistant U. S. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall flew back to Washington to report to U. S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy on progress of the FBI investigation.

DEBRIS AND OTHER materials collected at the church are being packed and sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington for examination.

The FBI effort is called its most intense since the pursuit of bank robber John Dillinger in the 1930s.

As the first funeral was held, hundreds of letters and telegrams of sympathy, along with some cash donations, poured in to the wrecked church.

The Rev. Cross said the official board of the church met Tuesday night and voted to launch its own fund-raising drive.

Formation of a Rebuilding Fund Committee was announced by Samuel O'Neal, a trustee of the

church. O'Neal said contributions to the fund may be mailed to Rebuilding Fund, Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1523 Fifth Ave. North.

Birmingham radio and television stations WBRC and WBRC-TV started a fund-raising campaign to replace the shattered windows of the sanctuary as a memorial to the four children.

Seven Orlando, Fla., ministers announced start of a non-sectarian fund for use in rebuilding the church.

IN THE British Isles, the Welsh newspaper, Western Mail, urged an international campaign to replace one of the bombed-out stained glass windows. The work would be done by a Welsh artist.

Expressions of grief for the death and suffering caused by the bomb ringed the world.

At Washington, all 10 members of Alabama's congressional delegation called the bombing "a heartless criminal atrocity" and "a blot on the name of our fair state."

AFTER MARSHALL'S return to Washington a Justice Department spokesman said a chasm exists between white persons and Negroes in Birmingham, and they have no communication with one another.

When newsmen asked what was the greatest danger in the city, the spokesman replied he supposed it was that everyone would begin shooting at one another.

School attendance, which dropped sharply the day after the bombing, climbed sharply Tuesday. High school attendance was 83 per cent of the total registration and was 83 per cent at West End, hit by a student

classroom boycott, was not included.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS said West End attendance was 784 out of a normal enrollment of 1,442 — a gain of 268 over Monday and the largest number in classes since class-cutting began.

Meanwhile, a mass meeting was told papers incorporating an organization of parents of students boycotting schools are to be filed in Probate Court today.

WEST END Parents For Private Schools, Incorporated, plans to organize and operate a private high school.

State Rep. Malcolm Bethea acted as spokesman after the closed meeting, which he said was attended by about 800 persons. Eighty to 90 per cent were parents of West End students, he added.

Bethea said representatives of the organization have hired a public relations firm and certified public accountant, and conferred with Dr. Austin Meadows, state superintendent of education.



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**Unkind Cut**

We do not understand motivation of an editorial in *The Andalusia Star-News*, a splendid weekly in South Alabama usually with balanced, if often acid, comment.

Last week the paper referred to Birmingham's difficulties, church bombing, and police and FBI work toward uncovering the criminals. Said the *Star-News* "... it is certainly very apparent that the investigative arms of the peace officers, that are commanded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are accomplishing nothing."

More: "Every day that goes by, without some arrests in Birmingham by the federal agents, casts a heavy shadow of doubt about the efficiency of the FBI. . . . The Kennedy men have taken over in Birmingham, with local and state authorities having a minimum of jurisdiction."

These statements are patently false or misleading and they malign not only dedicated FBI agents but the community of Birmingham. No one is taken over. This is a tragedy. We regret the editorial in the *Star-News* about our city and the state.

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## In Rights Cases

# FBI Operates Only Under Justice Dept. Orders

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been "caught in the middle" in the angry protests that have arisen following the fatal Sept. 14 bombing of a Birmingham, Ala., church.

Four Negro girls were killed in the blast.

FBI agents began an investigation of the church explosion immediately and Friday it was announced that the agents and sheriff's men have determined that the bomb was planted beneath the church steps and was not thrown from a passing car, as originally reported. Their investigation is continuing.

"We have to solve this one," said one FBI agent.

In the indignation over the explosion, however, a number of Negro and civil rights leaders have accused the FBI of failing to act in civil rights incidents. Since Jan. 1, 1959, there have been 45 bombings in Alabama, 19 in Birmingham.

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1960 the FBI cannot investigate such incidents without direct orders from the Department of Justice, regardless of requests for help from local authorities.

FBI records show that in each of the 46 Alabama bombings,

agents reported the facts to the Department of Justice. In only five cases was the FBI ordered to investigate. The Birmingham church blast was the latest and there FBI men acted immediately because of the fatalities involved.

The other four incidents under FBI study — all in Birmingham — were the two May 11 bombings of the home of the Rev. A. D. W. King, brother of the Rev. Martin Luther King; the May 11 blast at the Gaston Motel and the Sept. 4 bombing of the home of A. D. Shores.

"The FBI jurisdiction (under the 1960 Civil Rights Act) is very limited and is not intended to supplant local and state authority," said one source. "At all times it operates directly under instructions from the Department of Justice."

No arrests have been reported in the bombings in Birmingham, but FBI agents have been successful in a series of investigations involving civil rights violence.

Arrests were made after investigation of two Negro church burnings in 1962 in Terrell County, Ga., and another at Leesburg, Ga. Nine men were arrested after FBI investigation of the burning of a Greyhound bus near Anniston, Ala., in 1961. The bus was carrying members of the Congress for Racial Equality on a so-called "Freedom Ride."

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# FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues

By MIRIAM OTTENBERG  
Star Staff Writer

FBI laboratory experts are now working around the clock on a mass of fragments and other debris collected at the scene of last Sunday's church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

But scientific work has not yet reached the stage where the FBI can say definitely whether the explosives were planted in the church or thrown from a passing car.

That was the FBI's comment on a statement in Birmingham yesterday by United States Attorney Macon L. Weaver that investigation showed a "high order explosive" planted under the steps of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church caused the fatal blast.

## Search Debris

The FBI laboratory sleuths are seeking more than how the explosives penetrated the church.

They are testing the debris for any evidence that might place a suspect on the scene or aid in identifying him later. This could be a book of matches, a cigarette from which saliva could be recovered and typed or a beer can with finger prints on it.

More than a score of agents imported from all over the county to supplement the Birmingham FBI office have followed a methodical pattern in their crime scene search to preserve the chain of evidence.

The scene of the bombing has been drawn off and mapped. As the agents comb through the debris, they pick up with tweezers any fragment which might be material, scratch an identifying mark on their find, noting on their copies of the map the location of the find and the time of its discovery.

These notations are then copied onto the master map with the name of the agents who recovered the fragments in case they are later called to testify.

Placement of the fragments on the map is also part of the slow process of trying to re-

construct the crime in terms of the force and direction of the blast.

Although there have been approximately 46 bombings in Alabama — 19 in Birmingham alone — since January 1959, the church bombing is only the fifth such case where FBI agents have been told to make a full investigation.

Since the latest bombing, Negro leaders have been asking why the FBI hasn't delved into the other Alabama cases. Here is the explanation given by Federal authorities:

The Justice Department has taken the position that the primary jurisdiction for investigating the bombings remains with local authorities and that Congress wanted it that way when it passed the bombing sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

## Federal Violation

Under this act, it's a Federal violation to carry explosives across State lines with intent to use them to destroy property, for the purpose of interfering with its use for educational, religious, charitable, residential, business or civic purposes. Although the act is broad, the Justice Department has specifically told the FBI that no FBI investigation should be launched without special departmental authorization.

That directive applies even where local authorities request an FBI investigation.

Where local officials request help, the FBI informs the Justice Department to get an immediate decision. If there is no local request, the FBI presents the facts of the bombing to the department but doesn't go ahead with the investigation without department approval.

In an aggravated case like the church bombing, the FBI immediately launched a full scale investigation and told the department what it was doing. Of course, official approval was promptly forthcoming.

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# Mayor Praises Officers

Mayor Albert Boutwell issued a statement late last night saying he hopes "this is a step in finding all of those responsible for the bombings and bringing them to justice."

The mayor's statement said: "I wish to compliment the success of the state investigative agencies and those who have worked with them, the Birmingham Police Dept., sheriff's office and the FBI, in making this much progress toward identifying those who may be responsible for any of the bombing atrocities."

"It is too early to say from the information that I have that those being held will be charged, but I do hope that this is a step in finding all of those responsible and bringing them to justice."

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# Mrs. Holt Backs Hunt For Bombers

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP) — Mrs. Mary Lou Holt, secretary of the United Americans for Conservative Government, said today she had come here from Birmingham to discuss with officials the search for those responsible for the bombing of a Birmingham church Sept. 15.

Mrs. Holt flew to Washington on the same plane that brought a delegation of Birmingham civic leaders to a White House conference with President Kennedy.

She said she came to confer with Alabama Democratic Rep. George Huddleston Jr. and Sen. John Sparkman and Asst. U. S. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall.

In a statement today, Mrs. Holt said United Americans for Conservative Government "charges that only Martin Luther King and civil rights legislation could possibly gain from this tragedy.

"All citizens of Birmingham and Alabama are being unduly suppressed and jeopardized in this situation. Therefore, the members of this organization will continue to urge for an arrest of the person or persons responsible for this crime."

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# Atlantans Help Bombed Church Here

ATLANTA, Oct. 4 (AP)—The Jewish Congregation in Atlanta has raised about \$3500 to help rebuild the bomb-damaged 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., Rabbi Jacob Rothschild said today.

Writing in the Southern Israelite, he said, "We who have ourselves suffered such a loss are in a distinct position to understand what trials beset the Birmingham church."

"We remember, too," he continued, "the warmth and sharing of our troubles which came as a result of the spontaneous outpouring of sympathy and understanding, much of it translated into financial contributions."

The temple was damaged by a pre-dawn dynamite blast Oct. 12, 1958, but no one was injured.

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# Two quizzed in state probe of blasts here

State Public Safety Director Col. Al Lingo today said white men are being questioned about Birmingham bombings.

Lingo identified the men as R. E. Chambliss, 59, and Charles Cagle, 22, both of the Birmingham area, who were held without charge at the City Jail.

"Those are the names of the men being held in connection with the bombings," the state official said.

State investigators took Chambliss and Cagle into custody Sunday night. They had been under surveillance by city, county and federal agents for about a week.

"We're not through yet," Lingo said. He added that he planned to sit in on further interrogation of the two.

He said a statement probably would be issued through the governor's office later in the day.

Officials of local law enforcement agencies said the action of the state officers came as a surprise to them. The state officers said they did not consult with any local authorities before making the arrests.

Lingo told newsmen the state was conducting its investigation independently. He said "bits of information" had been passed between the groups, however.

ATTY. HOLLIS B. PARRISH Jr. said this afternoon he had been contacted by the family and had requested permission to be present at any further questioning of Chambliss.

"I just want to see that his constitutional rights are protected," said the attorney. He said he had not received a reply to his request, made to Lingo, Chief Jamie Moore, and Circuit Solicitor Emmett Perry.

Gov. George Wallace's office in Montgomery said about 9 p.m. Sunday that the governor expected action in connection with the Birmingham bombings within several hours.

WALLACE FLEW into Montgomery from Jacksonville, Fla., where he had a speaking engagement and his office latter announced two persons were in custody in Birmingham.

State investigators questioned the men at the patrol station in Midfield and refused to let newsmen within 30 yards of the building.

Lingo told reporters the men would be taken to Jefferson County jail. About 4 a.m. he said there had been a change in plans and the men would be taken to city jail. State troopers left the patrol station from the rear exit.

When the patrol car passed through the gates at city jail, the two prisoners inside shielded their faces with packaged shirts.

THEY WERE dressed in short-sleeved shirts and slacks.

Lingo said any announcement concerning the investigation would come from Gov. Wallace's office at Montgomery. He said a release probably would be forthcoming before noon.

The second statement from the governor's office Sunday night said:

"State investigators have taken into custody and are holding two persons in connection with the Birmingham bombings. Their identities are being withheld in the interest of the continuing investigation."

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Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore said he talked with Lingo and Maj. Bill Jones, of the state investigative division, by telephone this morning.

MOORE REPORTED they said they were holding the two men. Investigators of the Sixteenth Street bombing that killed four girls have been at a loss as to what kind of device was used to detonate a package of approximately 10 sticks of dynamite. The bomb was placed under the steps near the rear of the church and killed the four girls who were inside a dressing room just inside the rear basement wall.

About 20 persons in the church congregation were hurt by the blast. Two young Negroes were shot to death as an outgrowth of the bombing.

Ten days later two explosions, one a large shrapnel bomb, were set off in a Negro section on the Southside. No one was hurt but police described the bombs as "work of a fiend."

AN EXPLOSION with the estimated force of 10 sticks of dynamite occurred beneath concrete steps on the east side of the Sixteenth Street Church at 10:22 a.m. Sept. 15.

All the dead and injured were in the basement of the church. A task force of FBI officers, including bomb experts, joined local investigators the next day in a painstaking search of the area.

Several hundred pounds of debris and other material have been sent to the FBI laboratory at Washington for detailed examination and testing.

A Justice Department spokesman said the FBI effort to track down the bombers is the most intensive since the John Dillinger manhunt of the 1930s.

A REWARD FUND already had been started for arrest and conviction of a tear gas bomber who injured more than 20 shoppers and employees at Loveman's several weeks earlier.

The fund has risen to about

\$80,000, of which \$15,000 has been earmarked for solution of the Sixteenth Street Church murders.

A community-wide fund for funeral expenses and hospital bills of the dead and all the injured in the church bombing and its aftermath Sept. 15 now has reached more than \$5,000. Remaining funds will be used for restoration of damaged buildings.

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# TWO PERSONS ARE ARRESTED FOR BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS

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# Identities Withheld

## Wallace Says Probe Of Blasts Here Continuing

State investigators arrested two persons in connection with Birmingham bombings, Gov. George Wallace announced in Montgomery last night.

Shortly before 1 a.m. today, Wallace released this statement:

"State investigators have taken into custody and are holding two persons in connection with the Birmingham bombings.

Their identities are being withheld in the interest of the continuing investigation."

Bill Jones, Governor Wallace's press secretary, said he could not say whether the two persons were white or Negro; where they were arrested, where they were being held, or where they were from.

"All I can tell you is what was in the governor's statement," said Jones.

Jones said he could not reveal which state investigators had made the arrests, or any information beyond the governor's short statement.

**'Imminent'**

Shortly after 8:30 p.m. last night, the governor's office released the word that an arrest in the bombing case was "imminent."

They said that an arrest would be made "within a few hours," and intimated that the arrest would come last night, at some time.

The hours dragged away toward midnight, as newsmen gathered at the governor's office in Montgomery.

A group of newsmen met the governor as he flew into the airport at Montgomery, coming from a speech-making trip to Jacksonville, Fla.

Wallace would not comment on the arrest at this time. He left the airport and went to the governor's mansion, as tension mounted and midnight approached.

### Set Up Cameras

About 12:30 p.m. last night, officials in the governor's office were meeting, contacting Wallace at the mansion by telephone. Newsmen said state photographers were setting up movie equipment at the governor's office, indicating that the governor was coming into his office from the mansion shortly.

The announcement puzzled local law enforcement officers, who said they knew nothing of it, or did not comment at all.

Al Lingo, Wallace's Public Safety Director, was registered at the St. Francis Motel in Birmingham, but his room did not answer.

There were reports, unconfirmed, that the persons were being held at Kilby Prison in Montgomery but prison officials said they had no knowledge of anyone being held there in connection with the bombing.

The governor's statement did not make clear whether the persons were being held in connection with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.

The announcement could have referred to any of a number of bombings here, including the bombing of Atty. Arthur Shores' home, the A. G. Gaston Motel last May, or a bombing on Birmingham's Southside last week.

Two weeks ago, a bomb shattered the basement of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church here, killing four Negro girls and wounding many more.

When asked to comment on Gov. Wallace's announcement, agent-in-charge Ray Faist of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said, "My office has absolutely no comment on the statement or the contents of the statement."

Chief Jamie Moore of the Birmingham Police Dept. spoke in blunter terms.

He said: "The Birmingham Police Dept. knows absolutely nothing about any arrests being 'imminent' in the bombing. Any such announcement comes as a complete surprise to me."

Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey, whose office has been working along with federal, state, and city investigators, could not be reached for comment, but unofficial sources from Sheriff's office said that the statement "was news to them."

FBI experts who scoured the wreckage of the church determined that the bomb was planted in the basement of the building. It went off when about 400 Negroes were in the building.

It touched off sporadic violence that lasted far into the night and left two more Negro youths dead.

Negro leaders, headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for restraint from Negroes and troops from the Federal government after the bombing. They claimed there had been a breakdown of law and order.

Negro and civic leaders from Birmingham rushed to meetings with President Kennedy following the bombing. As a result, Kennedy sent in former Army Football Coach Earl (Red) Blaik and former Army Secretary Kenneth Royall to try to help negotiate their differences.

The bombing was one of more than 20 in Birmingham since 1957, and was the first to take a life. The latest bombing came last week. A bomb went off in the early morning in a Negro district.

Unlike the past several bombings, it attracted no crowd of angry Negroes. Police said it was intended to do so, however, because 13 minutes later a shrapnel bomb exploded a few feet away, shearing off a telephone pole and sent nails and bolts whistling through the area. No one was there and no one was hurt.

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# WCRT fund pays rock victim's bill

A fund campaign by Radio Station WCRT paid the hospital bill of Dennis Earl Robertson, white youth struck by a rock in disturbances following the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

The station raised more than \$6,500 for the youth's medical bills. Funds in excess of the bills was turned over to the family, station officials said.

Another fund campaign, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund, is providing money for medical expenses of persons treated or hospitalized following the bombing.

A check from that fund also was sent to Carraway Methodist Hospital and Norwood Clinic for Robertson's medical expenses.

However, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund has authorized hospitals to pay to the individuals or families any money which was sent by the fund for hospital bills which already had been paid.

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# Chambliss, Cagle face dynamite count

A third man was brought into a state investigation this afternoon as formal charges—misdemeanors—were placed against two men held since Sunday night in City Jail.

Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Cagle were charged with possessing dynamite without a permit in warrants signed by Public Safety Director Al Lingo.

Lingo said a similar charge would be placed against a third man yet to be arrested.

Lingo signed the warrants shortly before Chambliss was to have had a habeas corpus hearing before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Bond on the misdemeanor charges were expected to be fixed at \$500.

A HABEAS CORPUS hearing also had been set for 10 a.m. Wednesday for Cagle, 22, of Gardendale.

Chambliss, who gave 2505 32nd Ave., North, as his address, is represented by Attorney Hollis L. Parrish and Cagle by Attorney Matt Murphy.

Chambliss had said after being picked up by state investigators that he didn't need a lawyer, and had agreed to submit to a lie detector test.

Polygraph experts were beginning such an examination Monday night, but halted it when Chambliss fell asleep in his chair. A second attempt had been scheduled for today.

Col. Al Lingo, director of the Department of Public Safety, asked Police Chief Jamie Moore to give the lie detector test.

POLICE RAN a preliminary lie detector test on Chambliss, a truck driver, late Monday but decided against further testing when he showed signs of fatigue.

BIRMINGHAM police, Jefferson County sheriff's officers and the FBI awaited outcome of the dramatically announced arrests. These law agencies had been in-

vestigating the arrested persons and others for more than a week before their arrest.

The two men were held in secret at the state patrol office at Midfield until Gov. Wallace's office could make the announcement.

They were questioned about five hours, then whisked to Birmingham City Jail where they were booked: "Hold for investigation."

Lingo and his top officers conferred with Chief Moore, Jefferson Sheriff Mel Bailey and others late Monday at City Hall. The state asked for assistance.

An investigation by city, county and federal authorities into the bombings is continuing.

Federal authorities had no official comment on the action taken by Wallace or Lingo's request for city and county assistance.

It was clear, too, that the arrests have not stopped the intensive FBI investigation into recent Birmingham bombings, including the explosion Sept. 15 at a Negro church.

Generally, it was well known among local (and apparently state) law enforcement agencies, that the FBI was making significant progress in its investigation.

BUT TO what lengths this investigation had gone and how much evidence collected, if any, by the federal agents was a mystery evidently even to state investigators.

There has not been the slightest hint either of another recall of the special grand jury which has already expressed a desire to look into possible federal law violation.

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# We got jump on Kennedy crowd, governor says

BY HUGH W. SPARROW  
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Oct. 1 — Gov. George C. Wallace remained silent today as to what, if anything, has resulted from the questioning of two Jefferson County men by state officers in connection with the Birmingham Negro church bombing investigation.

The governor Monday voiced no special claim. He said, "we certainly beat the Kennedy crowd on the punch."

Gov. Wallace thus implied that if the state had not detained R. E. Chambliss and Charles Cagle for questioning, other probe agencies probably would have taken the step.

HIS COMMENT, moreover, added impetus to reports heard here that the four investigating groups — state, city, county and federal — may be operating independently to a large extent in the current investigation.

Gov. Wallace said investigators headed by Col. Al Lingo of the State Department of Public Safety phoned him Sunday and in his conversation indicated it might be advisable to hold certain persons.

"I told them," he said, "they were experienced investigators and that if they thought action should be taken to go ahead."

At first the governor said he knew very little of developments following the questioning of the two men in Birmingham. Later, after conferring with his legal adviser, Cecil Jackson, who has been in contact with Lingo and his men, Gov. Wallace said the investigators did not want to make public at this time what they have found.

Gov. Wallace took time out from a busy schedule to sample the day's collection of incoming "fan mail." With one or two exceptions the newly arrived letters from many points in the United States were strongly favorable. Some of the letters contained small bills and checks as a contribution to the governor's "fight for states' rights."

Gov. Wallace smiled broadly when an office aide showed him a copy of an automobile bumper sticker recently appearing on cars in this area. It said "Wallace for President."

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# Church Loss, Unestimated, Pastor Says

The Rev. J. H. Cross, pastor of the bomb-torn Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, yesterday said that no estimate has been made of damages to the church and no settlement had been made between church officials and an insurance company.

The Post-Herald earlier in the week had quoted Bill Hamilton, executive secretary to Mayor Albert Boutwell, as saying damages to the church totaled "\$44,700 on a \$100,000 building."

Cross also said that no contract has been let to any particular contractor for renovation work.

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# Dynamite cases to go to city court

Three white men, free on bond after being charged Tuesday with illegal possession of dynamite, face trial in Birmingham Recorder's Court at 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Robert E. Chambliss, 39, Charles Cagle, 22, and John Wesley Hall, 36, were released on \$300 bond each Tuesday afternoon soon after the warrants were sworn out by State Public Safety Director A. Lingo.

Chambliss, 2505 32nd Ave. North, is a truck driver. Hall lives on Gardendale Route 3, and Cagle's address is listed as Gardendale. Hall also is a truck driver.

CHAMBLISS AND Cagle were arrested Sunday night by state investigators. Gov. George Wallace announced they were taken into custody in connection with the Birmingham bombings.

Hall was arrested Tuesday afternoon.

Lingo filed the charges shortly before a habeas corpus hearing for Chambliss at 3 p.m. Tuesday before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Chambliss' attorney, Hollis Parrish, petitioned for the hearing on the grounds that the state had pressed no charges against Chambliss since his arrest, and that he should be released if no charges were going to be filed.

AS THE 20-minute hearing opened, Assistant City Atty. Wil-

liam Thompson recommended bond be set at \$300. Parrish had no objection to bond for that amount.

Judge Gibson asked if a hold-over of any sort would prevent Chambliss from being freed.

Thompson replied, "We don't know, of course, what the future will bring. But there is nothing now to prevent him from making bond."

Lingo told Judge Gibson that the state had turned Chambliss over to city authorities. The charge placed against him and Cagle and Hall is violation of Section 464 of the Birmingham City Code, and is a misdemeanor.

Maximum penalty for conviction on a charge of illegal possession of explosives is \$100 and costs and 180 days in jail.



**R. E. CHAMBLISS FREED ON \$300 BOND**

**Charged with illegal possession of explosives**

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# Fire marshal examining dynamite

Birmingham Deputy Fire Marshal W. E. Berry today was examining 133 sticks of dynamite discovered by state investigators near North Birmingham Tuesday night.

"We are stepping in the right direction. We are making progress," said State Public Safety Director Al Lingo in announcing the find.

Lingo said the cache was found hidden under some bushes outside the city limits, but did not pinpoint the location. He added that 2 1/2 sticks were found nearby in a sack.

The public safety director said a "subject" led him to the dynamite late Tuesday afternoon.

Lingo released a statement which said:

"State investigators recovered a quantity of dynamite in a wooded area near the city limits of Birmingham. City detectives participated in the seizure. The dynamite was released to the city fire marshal's office. This dynamite was found in the continuance of the investigation of Birmingham bombings."

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# Bomb victims medical bills paid by Fund

Hospital bills for 15 persons injured in the Sept. 15 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church or the aftermath of the bombing have been paid.

Bishop George M. Murray, chairman of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund, announced today that checks to cover hospital bills have been mailed to the University Hospital, Hillman Clinic, Carraway Methodist Hospital and Norwood Clinic.

Bishop Murray said the bills totaled \$1,673.81.

One check went to Carraway Methodist Hospital to cover hospital bill for Dennis Earl Robertson, white youth who was struck in the head with a rock in the bombing aftermath. Another check went to the Norwood Clinic for his doctor bill. He has been released from the hospital.

ANOTHER CHECK went to the University Hospital and Hillman Clinic to cover the hospital expenses through last Saturday of Sara Collins, Negro girl who was injured at the church at the time of the bombing. Hospital attendants report that she has a permanent eye injury.

University Hospital officials said today that it is too early to determine the outcome of the Collins girl's condition, but that there is every hope she will retain useful vision.

The check sent to the University Hospital and Hillman Clinic also includes payment for outpatient treatment for one white woman injured in the aftermath of the bombing and 13 Negroes injured in the explosion at the church.

The white woman was Mrs. Polly Allen of 9011 South Elizabeth St., Chicago, who was struck by a rock or brick as she and her husband were driving through the city after the bombing on Sunday, Sept. 15.

The list treated at the outpatient clinic includes:

Lynn Cross (no address); Ella Demand, 807 18th Way SW; William L. Grier, 400 10th Court West; Georgia Johnson, 429 6th Ave. North; Jonathan Jones, 304 10th Ave. South; Georgia McCarter, 200 4th Ave. South; Joseph E. Parrish, 21 10th Ave. South; Lillian Pollard, 57 9th Ave. North; the Rev. J. H. Pullen, 6500 58th Ave. North; Willie Henry Smith, 401 7th St. Doena; Milton Stollenverek, 315 10th Court North; and Lula Wilson, 5916 57th Ave. North.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS was authorized on behalf of the trustees by the executive committee composed of Bishop George M. Murray, chairman; Rabbi Milton Grafman, co-chairman; Robert T. Schlinkert, co-chairman, and Robert Fore, treasurer.

If any of the hospital bills have been paid prior to the time the check from the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund is received, the hospitals have been authorized to pay to the individual or the families the entire amount or any portion which has been paid.

Bishop Murray said that other needs within the limits of the money will be met when they have been brought to the attention of the trustees.

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# State Men Find Dynamite Cache

## 133 Sticks Reported Near City

Discovery Is  
Detailed By  
Al Lingo

State investigators found a large quantity of dynamite last night which was hidden in a wooded area just outside the Birmingham city limits.

The investigation was headed by Al Lingo, director of the State Department of Public Safety. Lingo said the dynamite sticks were found hidden under some bushes outside the city.

However the exact location of the dynamite was not released.

Lingo said, whoever placed the sticks there was obviously trying to hide them.

He said 133 sticks of dynamite were found in one wooden crate and two and a half sticks were found lying loose.

Lingo hailed the discovery, stating that "we are stepping in the right direction, we are making progress."

The discovery was made shortly before dark.

Lingo's statement said: "State investigators recovered a quantity of dynamite in a wooded area near the city limits of Birmingham. City detectives participated in the seizure. The dynamite was released to the city fire marshal's office."

"This dynamite was found in the continuance of the investigation of Birmingham bombings."

Contacted last night and questioned about how the dynamite was found, Lingo said a "subject" carried him to the place where the dynamite was found.

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# Trio Charged With Having Explosives

## Third Man Taken Into Custody; All Are Released On Bond

Three men, two of whom were arrested Sunday in connection with Birmingham bombings, were released from jail here yesterday after being charged with illegal possession of explosives in violation of the Birmingham City Code.

A third man arrested yesterday afternoon was identified as John Wesley Hall, 36, of Gardendale Rt. 3. He was released last night from City Jail after posting \$300 bond.

Robert E. Chambliss, 59, of 2505 2nd-av. n. and Charles Cagle, 22, booked on open charges three days ago, were released earlier in the day on \$300 bonds each.

Chambliss' release followed the service upon him of an arrest warrant on a misdemeanor charge shortly before a habeas corpus hearing was held at 3 p.m. before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Chambliss' attorney, Parham, said the petition was filed into the case on Monday to file charges, release him or go into an open hearing and explain why they should not be released.

He said he had not been permitted to talk with his client since his arrest.

The lawyer charged in the petition that Chambliss was being illegally restrained and deprived of access to counsel.

Judge Gibson, upon learning that Chambliss had been placed in jail, then set the case for the next day in the courtroom of Assistant City Atty. William Thompson.

Chambliss was released when Thompson released the \$300

bond. Chambliss' lawyer quickly announced "we have no objection to that."

Judge Gibson inquired if there was a holdover of any kind which would keep the defendant from being released, to which Thompson replied, "we don't know, of course, what the future will bring, but there is nothing now to prevent him from making bond."

Although both Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and State Highway Director Al Lingo had been named in the habeas petition, Thompson explained he did not represent Lingo since the state had turned the defendant over to custody of city police.

Chambliss, tieless and looking haggard and tired, was brought to the court room by Birmingham Police Capt. Glenn Evans and State Investigator Ben Allen.

### Crowd Jams Courtroom

A crowd of spectators, including Circuit Solicitor Emmett Perry, a number of employees from the courthouse and several reporters, jammed the court room for the short proceeding.

According to jail records, Hall, the latest person arrested in an intense investigation of the bombings here, was picked up by Birmingham Detective W. F. Gladden and Sgt. R. W. Godwin, investigators in the State Department

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of Public Safety.

He will be tried in Recorder's Court at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday along with Chambliss and Cagle, it was reported.

They are charged with possession of dynamite in violation of Section 464 of the Birmingham General City Code. Bond for Hall was set at \$300.

The trio is charged with a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of \$100 and costs and 180 days in jail. Their arrests were forecast Sunday night in an announcement from the governor's office which stated that they were in connection with recent bombings.

Hall was arrested several times in the 40's on vagrancy charges and was convicted of theft from an interstate shipment in 1950 and placed on five-year probation, records show.

The entire investigation and all releases concerning it has been directly under Al Lingo, director of public safety.

Lingo refused to comment on where the offense occurred, but it is apparent that it occurred within the city of Birmingham or it would not be within the jurisdiction of Recorder's Court judges.

It was apparent that a general letdown feeling existed among law enforcement officials, other than state, after Lingo announced that the three men would be tried for a misdemeanor when they were expecting solutions in a murderous church blast and numerous other dangerous explosions at homes and churches.



**FREE ON BOND —**  
Charles Cagle.



**RELEASED —** John Hall, the third man arrested for possession of dynamite in connection with Birmingham bombing, was released on \$300 bond.



**HEARING COMPLETED —** Robert E. Chambliss (center), one of two men held since Sunday in connection with Birmingham bombings, is shown leaving Jefferson County Courthouse following a habeas corpus hearing. He was released on \$300 bond after being charged with illegal possession of explosives. With Chambliss are Glenn Evans (left), of the Birmingham Police Dept. and Ben Allen, state investigator. Evans participated in giving Chambliss a lie detector test yesterday.